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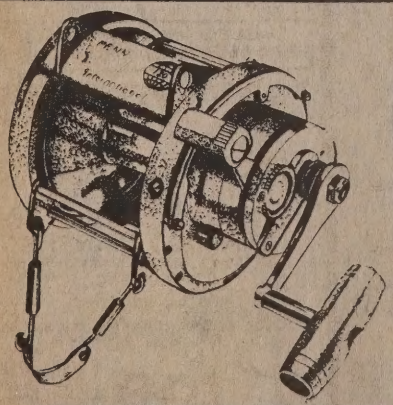

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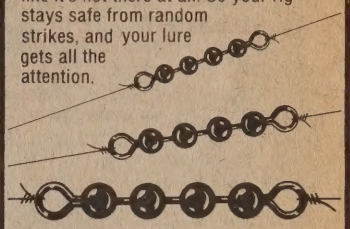

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To be eligible, a boat must be pre-registered for the Blackfish Rodeo no later than Tuesday, September 11th. The entry fee for the boat will be $10 and must be paid with the entry application.

For more information or a representative of the S.I.F.C. to address your fishing club about the details of these events, please contact Ralph Lennon at 226-2350, weekdays 9-4.

SECOND ANNUAL WICC 60 $1 MILLION BLUEFISH TOURNEY KICKS OFF 2-DAY WEEKEND

What is billed as "the biggest bluefish tournament in the world" takes place in the waters of Long Island Sound on Saturday, August 25th and Sunday, August 26th.

Radio Station WICC 60, sponsor of the second annual bluefish tournament, will award $1,000,000 ($50,000 a year for 20 years) to the person catching the bluefish sporting the million dollar tag. In addition, other prizes include a minimum of $10,000 for the person catching the largest bluefish by weight.

Also, WICC 60 will award $1,000 to the persons catching one of the next five largest bluefish by weight. The cash prizes are guaranteed as minimum amounts, which could increase depending on the number of entries. Trophies will also be awarded to the winning contestants.

Last year over 5,000 fishing enthusiasts from Connecticut, Long Island, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey and even Mexico enjoyed the two-day fishing competition.

WICC General Manager Ray Gardella said, "We are looking forward to one of the most exciting weekends of the year. We welcome fishermen and women, boys and girls of all ages to be a part of the quest for $1,000,000, the other cash prizes and the trophies. Of course, it's a special time to try one's luck at catching the tagged bluefish. But more importantly, it's a time, as summer comes to a close, to have some good, old-fashioned family fun."

Registrations may be made in person at Captain's Cove Marine, One Bostwick Avenue, Bridgeport and Sutler's Bait and Tackle, 105 West Broadway, Port Jefferson, N.Y. no later than 5PM, Friday, August 24th. The registration fee is $15 and entitles each contestant to participation in the two-day event and a bluefish tournament T-shirt. Registration forms are available in fishing stores and tackle shops throughout Fairfield County and Long Island. A special Bluefish Hotline has been set up to answer questions on the tournament: (203) 332-1859.

Judges for the Second Annual WICC $1,000,000 Bluefish Tournament include State Senator George Gunther, Senator Owen Johnson and Al Bennett.

Prizes will be presented during the awards ceremony on Thursday, August 30th, at the Restaurant at Captain's Cove Marina in Bridgeport.

The Second Annual $1,000,000 Bluefish Tournament is sponsored by WICC 60, in association with Long Island Sound America, a non-profit organization devoted to the promotion of Long Island Sound.

REPORTING DEC VIOLATIONS

To repoet violations of the NYS Environmental Conservation Law including illegal fishing, oil spills, fish kills and so forth, call the Department of Environmental Conservation and ask for Law Enforcement.

Telephone numbers for Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Law Enforcement (Environmental Conservation Officers):

Nassau & Suffolk Counties: (516) 751-7900 or 7905.

Queens, Brooklyn, Staten Island, Manhattan, Bronx: (212) 488-2755.

Westchester, Rockland: (914) 255-5453.

Emergency Incidents on weekends, holidays or at night: Consult blue pages of appropriate County Telephone Directory under New York State Government Offices and look for Environmental Conservation Officer.

ELIMINATING ABUSE OF VHF MARINE CHANNELS

The New York District Office of the Federal Communications Commission has announced a joint effort with the United States Coast Guard to eliminate abuse of the VHF marine radio channels. The enforcement program is being undertaken because misuse of the marine frequencies seriously affects the safety of the boating public.

A recent monitoring survey conducted by the FCC indicated that there has been a significant increase of communications on VHF marine channels 6, 16 and 13, that are not permitted under the Commission's Regulations. The most flagrant of these Rule violations included: exces-

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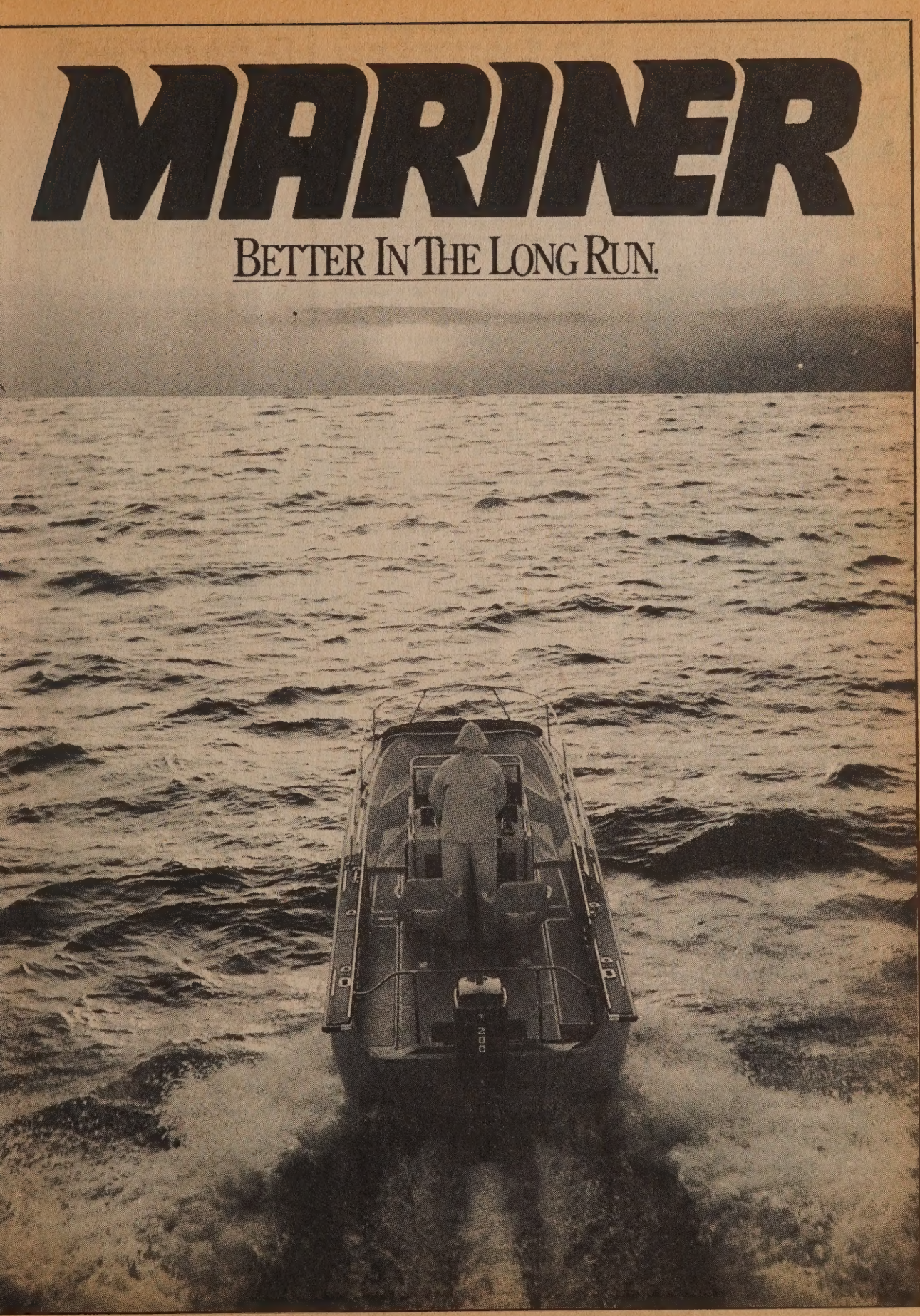

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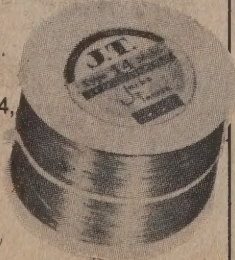

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sive calling and radio checks on Channel 16, open microphones and malicious interference to other radio communications, profanity, and failure to identify the station by announcing the radio call sign of the vessel. These violations by both recreational boaters as well as commercial fishermen will be targeted by the joint FCC/USCG enforcement and educational program. In addition, the Commission will identify unlicensed land based radio stations operating on marine VHF frequencies.

A Commission spokesman stated that VHF Marine Channel 16 is reserved for distress and calling purposes only. Once contact has been established with another vessel, both parties should move to a "talking" channel to continue their conversation. Channel 6 may be used only for communications directly related to ship safety, while Channel 13 may only be used for ship navigational purposes. All other transmissions should take place on the VHF Marine "Talk Channels."

Commission personnel will monitor the marine frequencies throughout the boating season giving verbal warnings when infractions are noted, and providing educational information to alert the public of the Commission's Regulations. In addition, Notices of Violation, and fines ranging up to $2,000 will be issued for willful or repeated offenders.

For further information, contact Judah Mansbach or Alexander Zimny at the New York District Office of the FCC: Federal Communications Commission, 201 Varick St., New York, NY 10014; 212-620-3437 or 212-620-3438.

CORRECTION

In last week's fishing report from J&R Sport Center in Oakdale, Amy Goldstein was accompanied by her father Marty and not her brother Marty, as reported.

SNAPPER DERBY AT BABYLON VILLAGE DOCK

The Babylon Tuna Club is holding its annual Snapper Derby on Saturday, August 25, 1984 at the Babylon Village Dock. Fishing will begin at 9AM.

All children up to and including 12 years of age are welcome. Free bait and refreshments will be served and many prizes and trophies will be awarded. So kids, bring your own tackle and come on down.

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Registration dates will be 8PM, September 18th, at the Northport High School, Elwood Rd., East Northport and Half Hollow Hill High School, Vanderbilt Parkway, Dix Hills.

Special classrooms have been set aside for the "Young Boater" (under the age of 14) on the same date, time, and locations as above. This Young Boater course also leads to a certificate which is required by law for any power boat operator under the age of 14.

Further information may be found in the Adult Education Bulletins issued by the above schools.

"FISHPORT" PLANNED FOR BROOKLYN WATERFRONT

The Port Authority of NY and NJ recently announced plans to develop a new commercial fishing complex along the Brooklyn waterfront. The new "Fishport" will be located at the Erie Basin Terminal, in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn. The Port Authority plans to convert the relatively unused terminal into a modern centralized facility for fish handling, storage, processing and distribution.

As an integrated fishing complex the Port Authority expects Fishport to provide:

- Harvesting and vessel services for berthing, maintenance and repairs.
- Handling facilities for off-loading, sorting and packing.
- Processing and storage including freezer and cold storage facilities and various seafood processing businesses.
- Marketing and distribution opportunities due to the facility's unique location in the NY/NJ Metropolitan marketing region and proximity to the existing transportation network serving both domestic and export markets.

The first phase of the Fishport will have pier facilities for unloading vessels and vessel support services such as berthing, fishboxes, fuel, water and ice. The Fishport will include a handling hall and facilities for small to medium sized processors. It is estimated that construction of the Fishport will get under way by the middle of 1984 and that fish processing operations will commence by early in 1985. The Port Authority is negotiating with five tenants for a total of 180,000 square feet at the complex. It's expected that the prospective tenants will handle a full line of seafood products including fresh, frozen, smoked, traditional and non-traditional seafoods.

The Port Authority estimates that the first phase of their program will include an annual payroll of $23 million, regional sales of $130 million and regional taxes of $3 million. It is also expected that 460 direct jobs would be created, most of which could be filled with unskilled labor with adequate training support.

According to Alan Sagner, Chairman of the Port Authority Board of Commissioners, their proposed fisheries program, which includes plans for Fisheries projects in New Jersey, will have positive long term implications for the commercial fisheries in both states. It is hoped that the new facility will complement the industry

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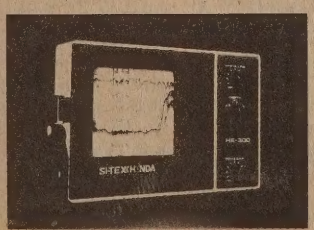

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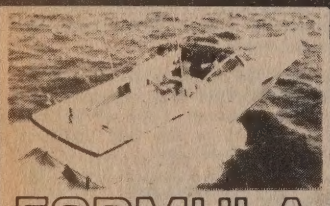

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in both states by providing new opportunities rather than competing with existing businesses and markets. The Port Authority cites increasing fish consumption in the New York Metropolitan Area, potential for increasing the harvest of non-traditional species and export markets as opportunities for penetrating new markets.

MAREPS REPORTING CENTER AT MONTAUK MARINE

The National Weather Service (NWS) has assigned Montauk Marine Basin as an official weather center to receive weather observations from vessels fishing or cruising off the coast of Montauk.

NWS routinely produces marine forecasts for U.S. Coastal and Offshore waters. The waters along our coasts are generally without regular observations of current conditions (i.e., wind speed and direction, wave height, and air and sea temperatures) with the exception of widely scattered buoy reports. Forecasts are therefore very general and it is assumed little or nothing is changing between these few reports. The NWS knows this assumption is often inaccurate, but without some indications of how a weather system is changing, or is varying from place to place, it is most difficult to improve the forecasts.

MAREPS (Mariners' Reports) are designed to fill the gap in weather knowledge along the shores. It is a cooperative system in which mariners relay, via radio, observed weather conditions to a land-based collection station for further relay to the NWS. This information is then taken into consideration in preparing the next regularly scheduled forecast or, if warranted, used to immediately update the current forecast. This updating is done if observations show the forecast to be significantly in error. Often these observations are also broadcast on NOAA Weather Radio to both show they are used and to provide credibility to the forecasts. For example, if an earlier released, but still current forecast calls for winds south 10 to 20 knots, and a recent observation reports south at 18, this shows the forecast is correct for the earlier periods and hopefully will also be correct 12 or 24 hours from now. Mareps are not just mariners helping the NWS—it is mariners helping other mariners!

Montauk Marine Basin will monitor VHF 16 (156.8 MZ) and VHF 9 (156.4 MZ) daily at 8:30 to 9 AM and 1:30 to 2 PM for reports from mariners who wish to participate in the program.

For further details, please call Montauk Marine Basin at (516) 668-5900 or write to MMB, Box 610, Montauk, N.Y. 11954.

WINNERS OF SMTC BILLFISH/TUNA INVITATIONAL

The Shinnecock Marlin and Tuna Club is pleased to announce the winners of their 23rd Annual Billfish/Tuna Invitational held on July 27, 28 and 29, at Jackson's Marina, Hampton Bays, NY.

Overall Tournament Winner—Fish Hawk, Capt. Dana Penny, owned by John Inganamort, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey.

Largest Billfish: My III Sons, 53 lb. white marlin, Bill Williams, Hampton Bays, NY; Fish Hawk, 51 lb. white marlin, Capt. Dana Penny, Hampton Bays, NY; Val Jean, 47 lb. white marlin, Pat McCarthy, Hampton Bays, NY.

Largest Tuna: Molar Roller, 60 lb. albacore, Ed Anker, Riverhead, NY; Sandra Jean, 53 lb. Yellowfin tuna, Chuck Forman, Hampton Bays, NY; and Emme, 47 lb. bluefin tuna, Tony Royal, Atlantic Beach Rod & Gun Club Team.

RESULTS OF AMITY HARBOR CHOPPER ROUNDUP 1984

Largest Fish: Bill Marmo, Persuader II, 14.4; Andrew Sachs, Jimlar IV, 14 lbs.; Ryan Murry, Vento, 12.15; and Russel Day, Sea Raider V, 12.2

Total Weight: Off the Record, 98.8; Gena D, 84.12; and Fish Finder, 77.9.

Three Top Club Team Weights: Bay Shore Tuna, Team I, 261.3; Babylon Tuna, Team II, 162.2; and Eastbay Anglers, Team I, 142.6.

Captains Awards: Jim Krug, Persuader II—largest fish; Bill Blitz, Off the Record—total weight.

Prizes and trophies will be awarded on Sept. 27th at 8:30 p.m. at the Amity Harbor Civic Center.

ARTHUR SMITH BLUEFISH ENTRY BLANKS AT FREEPORT MARINE

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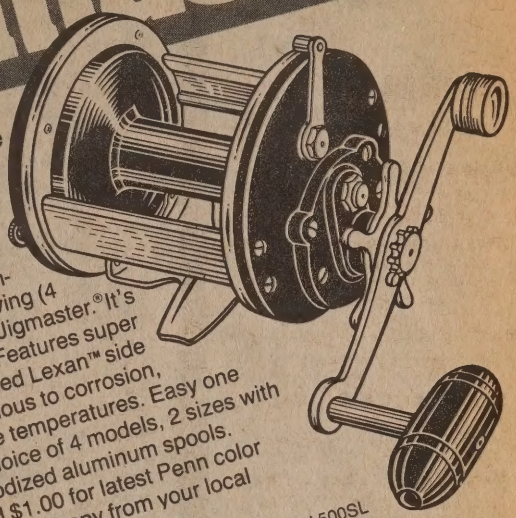

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HOW TO RELEASE FISH PROPERLY

by William A. Muller

Old-timers tell us that the time was when there were more fish of most species and the average size caught was bigger too. One needs only to consider the fishing stands under the Montauk Light and in Massachusetts where affluent striper fishermen successfully pursued the joys of bass fishing at a far more leisurely pace than today's surf rat can afford, to appreciate that the old-timers may not be telling fish stories.

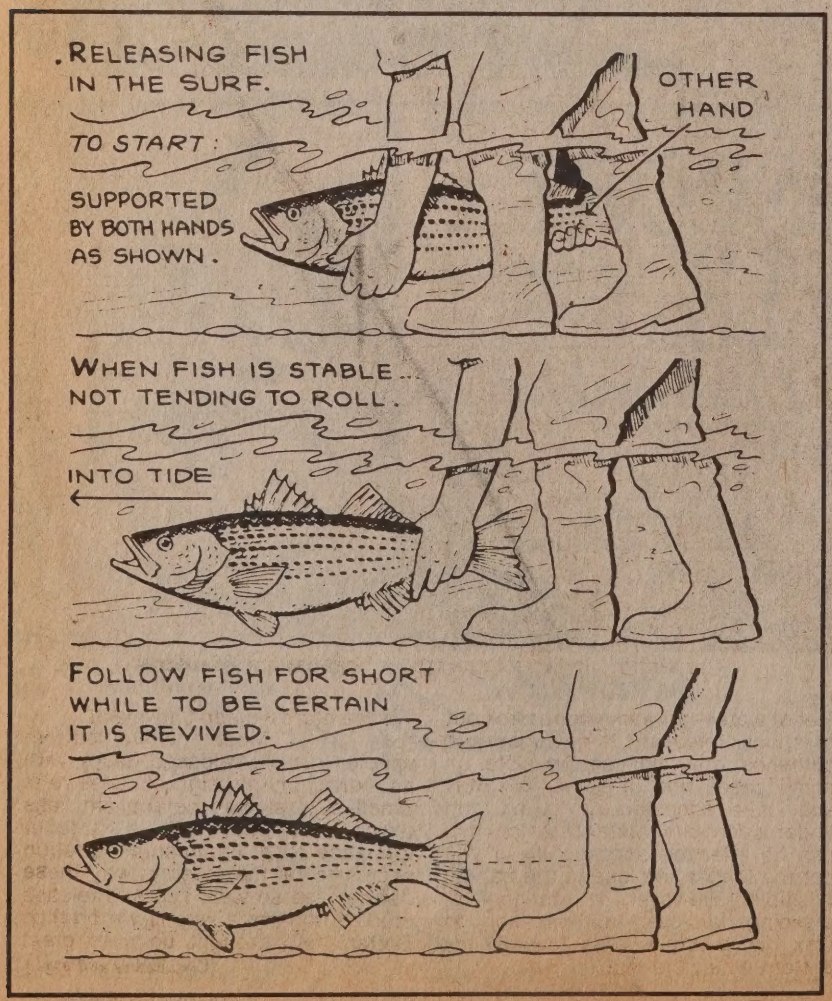
Time was also when few anglers even thought about throwing fish back. In addition to putting fish food on the home table, there was the underlying belief that the bounty of the seas was inexhaustible. Fishermen posed for pictures with long lines of big game fish hanging from poles and rope lines. Much the same was true of hunters and their zeal to show off their trophies. Times change and so does society. The buffalo stands are history and the species is protected, along with whooping cranes and other species of mammals and fowl. It took a bit longer for the need of concern to develop in fishing, but it has. Today, there exists numerous management plans and laws to protect fish and restrict harvests. Many folk in the know suggest that what we've witnessed so far is only the tip of the iceberg floating our way out of the future.

For many saltwater fishermen today there is a growing sense of shift in thrust; they are examining more closely than ever before why they fish. The Fisherman receives large numbers of letters each year from fishermen urging others to throw back the little fish, and young fishermen are even more emphatic in this than those who have been fishing a few decades. Along with letters about returning little fish we get more and more letters every year asking about how to release fish. People are not only throwing back fish, but they want to be as certain as they can that those fish will survive.

On a personal note, I'm asked many times at shows and seminars, "How can you let a 30 pound bass go?" Usually, my answer is short and simple. I say, "I get one hell of a kick out of it!" They respond with "Really?" Then the next question usually is, "Aren't you afraid that those fish will die?"

I think what's really important in these conversations is that so many fishermen are interested in releasing fish. It is as if a new horizon has been opened to them. At the initial stage of interest, releasing fish is no different than catching them. That is, the anglers would like to try it, but they need to know more first.

Can saltwater fish be released successfully? The answer is yes. Of course, one has to use discretion when it comes to which fish to release. I have released thousands of fish, of all sizes, and that experience has convinced me that successful release hinges on only one or two aspects of the fish's condition. Even many fish hooked in the gut can be released as long as there isn't too much bleeding, because if the hook and leader are cut and the fish released, the stomach juices of the fish will dissolve most hooks in a few days. I've caught fish with hooks in their guts and entire rigs in their throats. It's obvious that the minor inconvenience of the hook and rig didn't stop a hungry fish from eating. Furthermore, there's an old wives' tale that hooked fish don't eat for a few days, yet I've caught fish within minutes of them being lost by my companion. In a couple of cases it was easy to prove because of special homemade rigs hanging out of the mouth of the fish. The two key factors seem to be the nature of any bleeding and the level of shock experienced by the fish.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Many people see blood, human or animal, and believe that the loss of a little is really the loss of a lot. A good finger cut may spurt blood all over the place, yet you haven't lost enough blood to matter. The same with fish. Fish will bleed from many places, but the mouth, side, head, etc., are places where a fish will only bleed superficially. Torn gill filaments are another matter. A cut through a gill filament might be considered more or less equivalent to cutting an artery in your wrist: you better treat it or you may bleed to death. Such fish should be kept routinely unless the damage is minor and the blood loss very small. Other superficial cuts will generally stop bleeding when the fish is returned to saltwater.

The second factor is shock. Tackle and fighting techniques have impact here, and since each fish is an individual, some fight their hearts out and others give up quickly. Those that fight to the very end are more likely to go into deep shock than those that give up. Likewise, since very light tackle allows fish the opportunity to struggle, fish caught on light tackle are more likely to go into deep shock than those caught with heavier tackle. That a fish is in shock does not mean that it cannot be released. However, fish in shock cannot be simply tossed back into the water either. Such fish must be "walked" back to normal activity.

By now, I'm sure most of us have seen films and TV shows in which large fish such as sharks are caught at sea and brought back to one seaquarium or another. Divers go into holding tanks and, supporting the large fish with their hands, walk the fish around and around the holding tank forcing water slowly through the gills. On a smaller scale that's what we need to do with fish in shock. Generally, small fish will not shock, but large ones fight so hard they usually go into shock. If a small fish is in shock it can usually be revived by gently tossing it into the water. The slap upon contact with the water usually brings the fish around in much the same way smelling salts revive humans who faint, and a slap across the face orients an hysterical person. This is true, we believe, because the process of battle is so much different in young fish compared to old, and because the problem of maintaining blood flow and oxygen levels increases sharply for bigger, more deep-bodied fish.

Can all species be released? There is no pat answer because so much depends upon how the fish is hooked and caught. Some species, especially the open ocean speedsters, seem to go into shock easier than inshore plodders and bottom species. The open ocean torpedoes such as tuna, have a faster metabolism and more brute strength. Thus, they do not tire as quickly and as we've already seen, the longer the battle, the greater the chance of deep shock. Since you can't jump over the transom in 120 feet of water and walk a tuna back out of shock, releasing large tunas and billfishes may not be possible. In some cases one of these fish may still have considerable spunk and under such circumstances, the fish can be released successfully if you cut the leader as close to the fish as possible. However, a gut-hooked, bleeding, laid-over tuna is likely to sink in a slow arch towards the bottom when the leader is cut. We therefore wouldn't advise it.

The author prepares to release a boat-caught tiderunner.

Most inshore bottom species can be released easily with an extraordinarily high success rate. Small size, slower metabolism, less oxygen demand, and a broader tolerance to environmental variation seems to be the reasons why these fish release so well. Tag and release studies confirm a very low mortality. Bottom fish brought up from great

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depths are another matter. Typically, the swim bladders of such fish burst after they have been dragged towards the surface and such fish are doomed. I recall tilefish actually shoot towards the surface after the early close to the bottom struggle because of damage to internal parts from pressure changes.

Under what circumstances would you suggest releasing fish? Obviously, state laws on minimum size must be respected. In fact, undersized fish should be returned even when dead according to most laws. However, in some cases there are no minimum size laws and under these circumstances, fishermen use their judgment. They may decide that there isn't enough meat on the fish to make keeping it worthwhile when one considers carrying the fish home, cleaning them and cooking them—all for a mouthful of food. Some people consider fish of a certain size emotionally too small to keep, and still others believe they are making an investment in the fishing future of their children by releasing all but the biggest fish which are kept for the table. There are probably as many reasons for releasing the fish as there are fishermen.

Respecting laws and exercising good common sense are the most common reasons for releasing fish, yet there is a growing movement to release fish for personally satisfying reasons. More and more big name fishermen such as Homer Circle, Lee Wolf, Curt Gowdy, and others, have told us of the joys involved in releasing fish via the vehicle of TV and magazines. Many people are saying, "If those guys get a kick out of it, then so should I!" Many well-known fishermen believe that upon reflection most fishermen will agree that the fun of fishing involves the hunt and stalk, and the fight. Although killing is still important to some, it is a pleasure that is mostly of the past—a dinosaur near extinction.

Let's consider bass, weaks and blues. I let virtually all of them go unless they will not revive. Why? First, weaks are in precipitous decline and as a sportsman, I feel an obligation to let them go. I'll admit that more than once I wished for a damaged fish so I'd have an excuse to bring it home since I think they're good table fare. Blues I release because there are so many. I don't like to waste a resource. With bass and weaks in decline, bluefish may be the only abundant true inshore game fish. "Waste not, want not," is the age-old advice. Keep what you can eat and then throw the rest back. Why not?

We're discussing my personal response, but such feelings may not be common to another lively soul. No matter, it makes me happy and motivates me to release my fish. With bass there are two reasons: PCBs and declining stocks. There is one other very important reason for my personal choice to release fish, and that's the pleasure I get in doing it. I'll confess there isn't a great rush associated with throwing back a postage-sized flounder. This we do mostly out of conscience. No, it's releasing the big fish that gives me a rush.

When a big bass is revived, she'll likely slap your wrist with her powerful tail and throw sea water in your face. That's both her calling card and her thank you as you watch her lumber off. It's a thrill that must be experienced to be appreciated. The same for blues and weaks although their calling cards are different. I've had more than a few big blues chase me around in the surf and I believe they were trying to get me. Whether they are deliberately after me or aimlessly trying to gain a sense of direction, I don't know; but there isn't any real danger since the speed of the fish isn't up to snuff. A green fish could easily get me, but a tired one doesn't have a chance. Still, I jump around trying to get out of the way, laughing silly like a love-crazed schoolgirl all the while.

Well, we've dispatched the release of small fish and the problems associated with releasing offshore biggies, and that leaves us with the ten pound blue, the eight pound weak, and the thirty pound bass, drum, etc. It doesn't matter whether you're in a boat or on the beach, the process is the same. Before going further, dock, pier, and jetty anglers have a real problem with releasing fish unless instead of gaffing they walk a fish back to where it can be beached or glided onto terra firma.

Hold a fish gently with both hands: one under the head and the other around the tail. On the beach, bend over; in a boat lean over the gunwale. Move the fish slowly back and forth forcing water into the mouth and over the gills. In a minute or so the fins will show some life and so, too, the gill covers. Unless the fish pulls away strongly, do not release it yet. Continue to move the fish back and forth and also wiggle the body, making gentle "S"-shaped motions. In awhile, the fish will exhibit its own motions. Continue to hold the tail, but you can release the head support. If the fish rolls on its side support the head again and resume back and forth motions. If the fish stays upright, get ready because that fish is soon ready to take off. When the fish shakes and pulls and all the fins are standing up, release it. Sometimes a big fish that seems tired will pull away aggressively as soon as it hits the water. That's okay; it means the fish wasn't as tired as you thought.

Well, perhaps we've piqued your interest and if so, we hope we've provided enough information to help you try it. Why not write to us and tell us about your experiences releasing fish? Likewise, if you have additional questions, send in a *Chum Lines* letter and your editor will tackle them under that department. I'll leave you with a final suggestion: Add a new thrill to your fishing fun—release a big fish, too.

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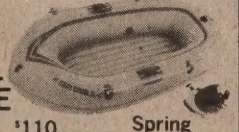
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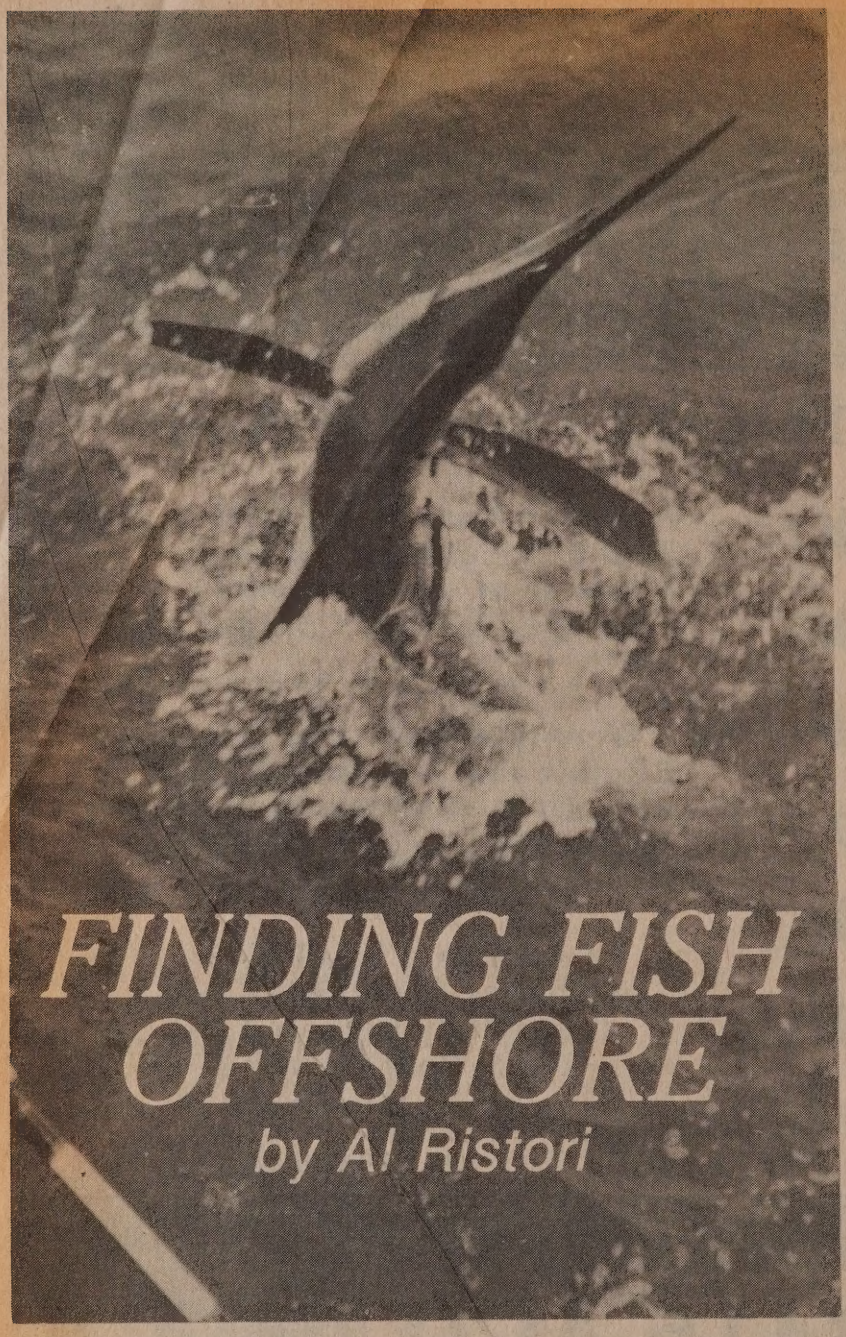

FINDING FISH OFFSHORE

by Al Ristori

Every year more people are getting into offshore fishing. Once you experience the smashing strike of a yellowfin tuna, or watch a white marlin perform aerial acrobatics, chances are you're going to be hooked on offshore angling. However, you'll also find that doing it yourself is a lot different than going out with experienced friends or hiring a charter captain.

That's a big ocean out there, and the oceanic creatures which inhabit it tend to scatter about in small concentrations. Find the right spot and you may load up. Miss it and it will be one of those days!

Just heading offshore and throwing some lures or baits over the side isn't an adequate method of locating oceanic game fish. There may be lots of fish out there, but you'll have to pinpoint the best locations and find the concentrations in order to come up with a decent catch. For many captains, it's a matter of instinct, based on previous experience, as to where offshore species will be at any given time. After that it's just a matter of finding what they'll hit—though that may not be as simple as it sounds. In this article I'm about to discuss some of the basics that can help the beginner avoid common mistakes and give him a chance to succeed rather early in the game.

Offshore species follow schools of baitfish and tend to show up in various specific areas year after year. Though not as precise as bottom fishing spots, these offshore areas should be recorded in your Loran log and checked out at the appropriate time of year. In general, there will be some bottom configuration that creates the proper conditions for surface action. Look over a chart of the area to be fished and check out the "fingers" of deeper water. These are often hot areas for both sharks and the various offshore tunas. Also look for shallow areas surrounded by deeper water. The giant tuna to our east show up first on a bank over 20 miles southeast of Montauk Point. There the depths are in the 136 to 140 foot range, while surrounding waters are around 170 feet.

Since any change in bottom configuration tends to attract smaller fish and they, in turn, sound the feeding bell for larger game species, it's not surprising that wrecks also tend to be good trolling areas. That's true even though the wreckage may be 150 to 250 feet below the surface. The Texas Tower area near Hudson Canyon is well known as a regular contributor of yellowfin tuna, albacore and white marlin.

While trolling offshore, sharp eyes are often your greatest asset. No matter how bleak the prospects, it's important to always keep looking—sweeping the horizon for any sign that might lead you to the only fish of the day or even a real bonanza. A gathering of birds (particularly shearwaters) or the rippling of surfacing bait fish could zero you in to an area that's about to explode. Best of all is the actual sight of a breaking fish. Even one break is a good sign that many more fish of that species are in the area.

Free-jumping fish are often non-eaters, but they're certainly worth the chase. There are all sorts of theories as to why fish free-jump, but it probably has nothing to do with eating. That's why such fish don't hit too often, but enough do that you just can't overlook them unless you're into something better.

The sight of finning or tailing fish is much better, as they will frequently hit. White marlin are regularly sighted in our area and often are surprisingly close to shore. Off Montauk I've heard of catches around the MP Buoy, three miles south of Southwest Ledge and in 100 foot depths just outside the bluefish fleets south and southeast of Block Island. Tunas can often be located by the boils they create when feeding close to the surface.

If you haven't sighted anything directly related to fish, look for signs that might be attractive to offshore surface species. Weed lines are always a good bet. Anglers who work tropical waters know that weed lines are especially attractive to dolphin, and these fish do show up in our waters from time to time. Since weed lines serve to gather bait fish seeking shelter in wide open ocean waters, any oceanic predator is likely to check them out. Even white marlin are found along weed lines.

Anything floating on the water off-

shore is likely to attract baitfish and, in turn, will be checked out by predators. A floating log or branch can harbor many dolphin, and in deeper water you may also find a wahoo patrolling that floating structure. As I just said, anything floating around out there can be a fish attractor, and that even includes large fish and mammals. By now just about everyone is aware that most of the great white sharks harpooned in recent years have been taken from around dead whales. In Florida, cobia follow large rays migrating along the coast, but will readily strike live baits and lures cast to them.

Perhaps the most unusual example of this I've come across in our area occurred about a decade ago south of Montauk Point. There were quite a few large sea turtles just a few miles offshore around Labor Day weekend, and I noticed birds working over them. I cast popping plugs around the turtles and got a few swirls in what should have been bluefish country. Later I spotted one turtle getting quite close to the Elbow and ran right up to him. Underneath was a school of bait fish which quickly transferred to the security of my boat as flashes of silver darted into them. I dropped a Hopkins straight down and proceeded to fight a school bluefin tuna practically right into the Montauk rips!

Speaking of rips, the offshore equivalent of them are eddies—and they can be equally productive. Early in July I was shark fishing in an area southwest of Montauk where there was clear blue water and lots of good signs. During the day eddies passed by us quite a few times, and twice we saw medium-size tuna leap after bait right along the edges of the eddies—the only sign of jumping fish we saw that day.

One of the most important factors in locating offshore species is water temperature. This is so widely recognized now that few serious offshore fishermen fail to equip themselves with surface water temperature gauges. They are especially important early in the offshore season when the location of warm pockets of water can mean the difference between makos and blue sharks—or no sharks at all. The same applies offshore, as cold water currents in the canyon can make trolling fruitless. Last summer there was a lot of problems with cold water in the canyons. One Montauk skipper told me of an overnight trip during which he found a pocket of warm water the first afternoon and enjoyed great numbers of tunas and even lost a blue marlin. He stayed near the numbers during the night and was ready for a slaughter the next morning at dawn. However, the warm water had been displaced by a cool current overnight and there was nary a fish in the area. Furthermore, the skipper was unable to relocate the warm water that second day.

There's really no reason not to have a surface temperature gauge. They are relatively inexpensive (very fine ones retail under $150) and can tell you a great deal about your fishing waters that you never realized before. I have the Lowrance LDT-3000 unit installed in my Mako 25 and can get continuous and instantaneous readings to the tenth of a degree. The temperature changes in just a short distance of seemingly similar water can be startling. That drastic change may be a powerful attraction for game fish. Under foggy conditions water temperature can also provide an indication of when you may be getting into the thick stuff—or when it may be breaking up. It can also serve as a warning to you when the water temperature is so high that fish can't be kept fresh simply by hanging them over the side.

Once you find the right area for trolling, what do you do? That's actually another subject, but consider this advice from Mold Craft president Frank Johnson. In order to achieve multiple hook-ups, Frank advises using the same types of lures rather than mixing. Though he makes his Softhead lures in various shapes, Frank is convinced that the flathead style, preferably with holes (such as the Softhead Hookers) are best. Frank recognizes that green is the preferred color in this area (as exemplified by the famous Sevenstrand Green Machine), but insists that there's really no rhyme or reason as to what color might work best on any given day. He suggests running your similar lures in four shades such as black and red, blue and white, green and yellow, and pink and white. When the fish demonstrate a preference, switch all to that color.

Always keep a completely open mind about lures. A case in point occurred at the end of July when I was trolling southeast of Montauk, looking for white marlin, school tuna, yellowfin or albacore. Attracted by a lot of bird action, I found what appeared to be medium bluefin tuna crashing into floating ling from a dragger spill. Several Rhode Island boats joined me in working them with high speed lures, but no one raised a fish. After the other boats gave up, I returned to the numbers and broke out one of the new artificial squid spreader bar rigs developed by Cape Cod skippers Bob Mayo and Steve Moreton. These rigs feature eight 12-inch Mold Craft squids and are fished at a slow troll just like a mackerel daisy chain. Within minutes boils appeared behind the rig and we were rewarded with a 167 pound bluefin to justify our change in tactics.

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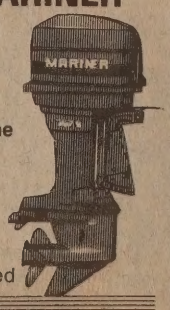

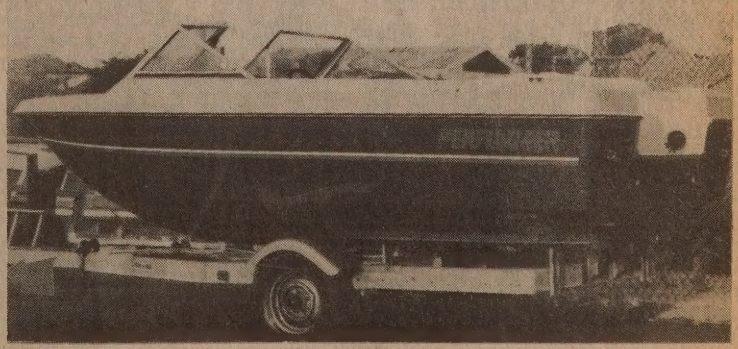

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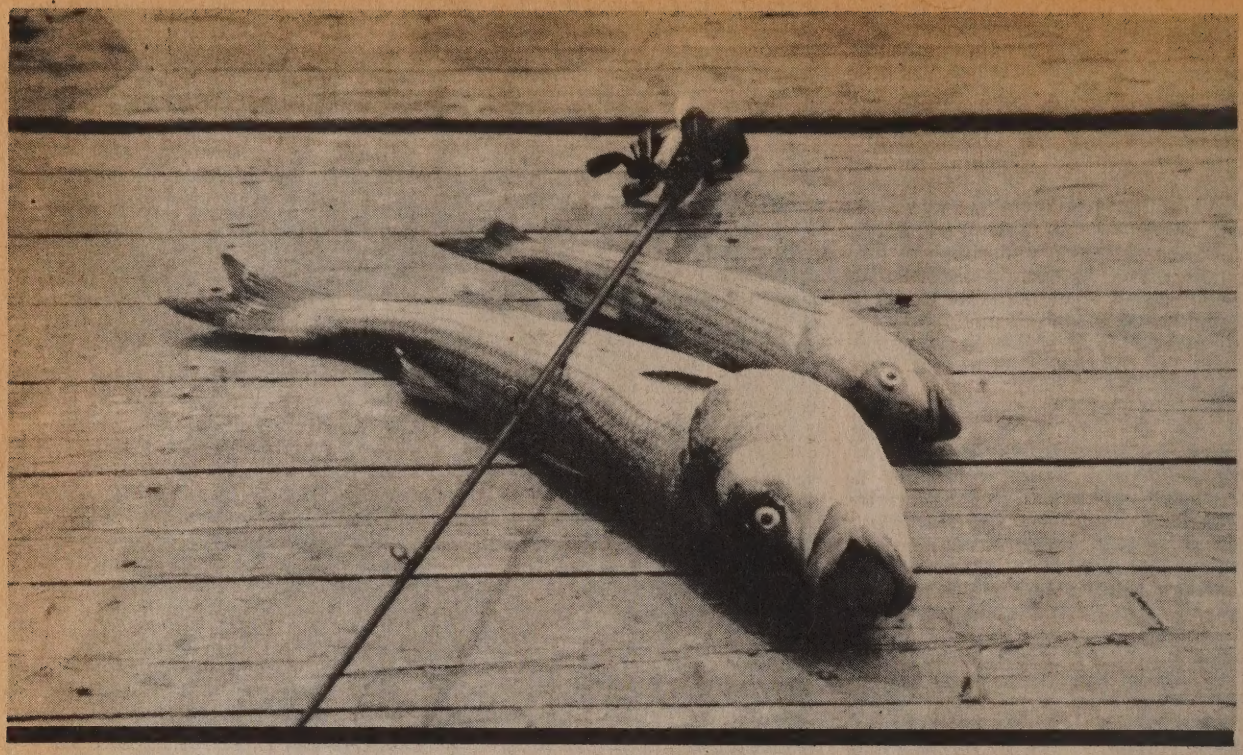

FRESHWATER TACTICS FOR SOUND STRIPERS

by Jeri Weiss

My introduction to light tackle striper fishing was quite by accident. I can still recall that frustrating August morning while snapper fishing, unable to locate even a single school of fish. Before heading back to the dock and calling it a day, I picked up my ultra-light spinning rod for a few final casts at a small reef at the mouth of Mamaroneck Harbor, known locally as Shepherds Point.

Casting a small spoon to the inside of the reef, where the falling tide was causing a rip to form over the shallow rocks, I saw a large swirl on the surface and felt a sudden lunge as I set the hook on a "schoolie" striper. The frustrations of the, thus far, unproductive morning were quickly forgotten as he immediately headed for deeper water, making several runs before I could retrieve even a few yards of line. Exhausting him took much longer than I had been accustomed to, but eventually I was able to lead him to the boat. While measuring only 24 inches, he indeed put up quite a struggle on my six pound test line. Although not exactly a trophy catch, the thrill of landing this single fish was enough to addict me to light tackle striped bass fishing from that moment on.

Since that time, the tackle and techniques I use have become more refined and specialized. However, the fascination of setting a hook on a school sized striper, knowing that he has as good a chance of gaining his freedom as you have of landing him, still remains, and is something every angler should experience. And, just imagine yourself leading a tail dragging striper to the net with the little "wand" you perceived as more befitting a smallmouth.

A marked increase in the abundance of smaller Hudson River fish within Western Long Island Sound in recent years has convinced more and more anglers to leave their heavier gear at home in favor of highly sophisticated, lightweight rods and reels—tackle formerly reserved almost exclusively for freshwater use. The following guidelines are drawn from my own experiences, and while not being presented as a cure-all, these methods, which have proven effective in this area of the Sound may help you avoid some of the pitfalls you're likely to encounter.

With the use of today's high quality tackle, one can reasonably expect to catch bass ranging in size from "shorts" to teen size schoolies, still reaping the benefits of feather weight outfits that are easy to cast and can be used for hours at time without tiring. Ordinarily, I use 10 pound test line, which enables me to cast lures in the 3/8 to 3/4 ounce range a reasonable distance, has sufficient strength to set a 3/0 saltwater hook, and has enough abrasion resistance to overcome a certain amount of contact with rocks or foul bottom. However, certain conditions, such as clear water, bright sunlight, or when the entree for the day happens to be extremely small baitfish such as cinderworms, dictate the use of 8 pound test line, and lures weighing as little as 1/4 ounce.

For spinning, I prefer rods 6½ to 7 feet in length for all-around use, while rods leaning toward the ultralight can be somewhat shorter, in the 5½ to 6 foot range. These sizes are a good compromise, offering sufficient range as well as being manageable and light. One-handed baitcasting rods of the freshwater type are best in a length of at least six feet and can be combined with almost any of the new compact baitcasting reels on the market today.

When selecting a reel, look for one that will hold approximately 120 yards of the size line you'll be using, a little more capacity if you wish to use light lines. Choose gear that will be compatible with most of your fishing situations. Don't concern yourself with that one fish that could run you out of line. It is rare to encounter one of these monsters while enticing juvenile bass with miniscule dinners.

Since there is such a wide assortment of tackle on the market today, it would be hard to recommend specific brands or models. My personal preference contains elements from several major manufacturers. Rods range from the Shakespeare 7 foot SP1100 Ugly Stik, Fenwick 6½ foot PLS65 to 6 foot graphite single-handed baitcasting rods such as Cabela's #806-110-460. Reels include the Daiwa BG10 and BG13, Penn 420SS and 430SS, Zebco Cardinal 3, Daiwa Magforce PMA15 and Shimano 2000GT. But the list of suitable tackle for this type of fishing is amost endless. Your final choice, of course, will be determined by both your pocketbook and your personal preferences with each manufacturer.

It is always wise to invest in the best tackle you can afford. Not only will it be a pleasure to use, but with reasonable care, should give you years of dependable service. A quality reel will contain an ultra-smooth drag and corrosion resistant components, both of which are essential when using tackle to its limits in saltwater. Graphite, graphite composite and boron rods are preferable for their greater sensitivity and lighter weight, but good quality fiberglass rods are more than adequate for those working within a budget. Although not widely available, I've found a one-piece rod more desirable; however, the convenience of storing two-piece rods and the wider variety of models from which to choose, may influence your decision.

The lures used are borrowed both from the freshwater fisherman and the surfcaster. They range in size from 1/2 to 3/4 ounces for swimming and popping plugs and 3/8 to 1/2 ounces for jigs. For dusk and dawn fishing, my favorite is the Creek Chub Striper Strike, although the Atom Striper Swiper and Stan Gibbs Pencil Popper have also lured their share of fish. My assortment of swimming plugs is a little more comprehensive, including the floating Rebel Minnow, Cotton Cordel RedFin, original Floating Rapala, Bomber Bait Company's "Long A" and Bagley's Bang-O-Lure. One can never go wrong using small bucktail jigs with either pork rind or a plastic tail slipped on the hook. But I favor the plastics when using jigs such as Mann's Auger Tail Worms, Bagley's Shrimps and a variety of the Mister Twister Plastic Tails, rigged on a 3/8 ounce jighead with a 3/0 saltwater hook.

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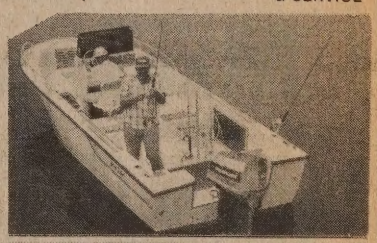

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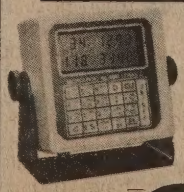

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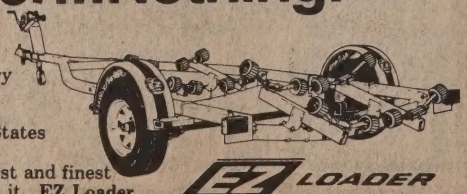

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myself constantly experimenting with a variety of lures. The styles vary greatly from the conventional salt-water striper lures and include: crankbaits, plastic skirted jigs, small tube rigs and small spoons.

For dusk and night fishing and at other times when line visibility is not such a factor, leaders will play an important role. A short monofilament leader, 12 to 24 inches in length, will not only give you more confidence when playing large fish, but will also help you recover jigs and plugs that are bound to get hung on the bottom. I use a leader of approximately double the line strength: for example, a 20 lb. test leader when using 10 lb. test line; avoiding the use of snaps or swivels and tying the lure directly to the leader using an improved clinch knot or uni-knot. A surgeon's knot is a good choice for attaching the leader to the running line, while also being a simple knot to master.

Although I do my share of fishing after dark, quite a few of my bass trips are during the daylight hours. Light lines, with their low visibility are a real asset when fishing on partly sunny days or in clear water, making daytime fishing productive at times. Although it's never easy to locate striped bass under these conditions, there are several techniques which may help improve your catch. First of all, look for bass to be lying in deeper water reefs or exposed reefs with deep dropoffs and use jigs, deep diving swimming plugs or crankbaits, making sure the lure is being presented near the bottom. Cast to the shaded side of a rock or reef, and try to direct your casts either into the sun or with the sun at your back. On overcast days, surface plugs in shallow water can be highly effective. The most productive fishing however, remains at dusk, night and dawn.

Whether you use a 14 foot surf rod or 5 foot ultra-light, the job of locating fish is much the same. The limited casting distance of the outfits in this article, however, require the angler to get within close range of his target. But, many short casts close to reefs and shoreline grasses can be far more productive than retrieving far-slung plugs through miles of "dead" water.

The Westchester and Connecticut shorelines of western Long Island Sound have unlimited potential for the light tackle striped bass angler. We are fortunate to have a fairly rocky shoreline, but that doesn't mean one has to travel far from any Long Island location to find a good area to pursue this sport. Fishing the shallows of Long Island's North Shore beaches can be dynamite also; so perhaps the best place to start would be in an area right near your home with which you are already familiar. Spend your time learning this area thoroughly rather than running all over to hit a few of the so-called "hotspots."

If fishing from a boat, buy a chart of the area you'll want to explore and use it to get a rough idea of the shoreline and what you are going to

encounter. Then, go out there at low tide and study the terrain, drawing diagrams if necessary, of the spots that look promising.

A good rule of thumb when learning a new area is to throw at any rock, reef, patch of grass or foot of shoreline that looks promising. Look for currents, rips and bottom structure as well as signs of scattering baitfish. This may seem like a lot of ground to cover, but eventually you'll weed out inconsistent spots and learn what to look for from experience. Areas in inner harbors will generally produce smaller fish, while reefs at the mouths of harbors can set up strong rips and currents on running tides which can be real attractors for large stripers.

Although Westchester has few areas accessible to shore fishermen, there are some prime locations which can easily be reached by boat. Scotch Caps, a series of reefs at the mouth of Milton Harbor in Rye, is one of the most popular spots for casting as well as baitfishing. Not only can bass be taken here frequently, but bluefish and at times, weakfish are caught also. The many cuts within the reefs produce strong currents on moving tides, and combined with several of the smaller reefs just to the east of the caps, one can easily spend an entire tide plugging just this small area. Experienced fishermen rarely pass the Caps without stopping to make at least several dozen casts. The Larchmont Breakwater, located just to the west of Mamaroneck also offers excellent fishing. Schools of bass are frequently attracted to the rips formed by the rocks scattered along the inner cut of the Breakwater. Further west, the area from New Rochelle to City Island is dotted with hundreds of reefs. Among the more notable spots here are: Davids Island, Glen Island, Fort Slocum, Hart Island and Turtle Cove.

Across the Sound, the shoreline bordering Hempstead Harbor offers some top-shelf bass fishing, especially throughout the migration seasons. These areas, such as Sands Point, Prospect Point, Mott Point and as far east as Matinecock Point, are well known to western Long Island Sound fishermen.

Although the rewards of light tackle fishing are many, I am not promising you a season without disappointments. Because much of your fishing will be done in rocky areas, breakoffs are not uncommon and the limited pressure that can be applied with these outfits can, at times, make one feel helpless. On the positive side, a skilled angler has the potential of catching a much greater quantity of fish and seldom has the misfortune of being "skunked" as is all too common with other types of bass fishing these days. With their first appearance in May and lingering on throughout November, these school stripers offer significant opportunities to the light tackle fisherman and impressive seasonal catches are common.

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THE SWEETER SIDE OF PATCHOGUE

by Tom Schlichter

Most of Long Island's fishermen are probably familiar with the fast saltwater action associated with the Atlantic Ocean's "Patchogue Grounds," but very few anglers know about or take advantage of the excellent freshwater fishing available in the Patchogue area.

With four major lakes flowing toward the Great South Bay, fishermen working this area are blessed with the opportunity to cast to several enticing species of fish on varied bodies of water. Largemouth bass, chain pickerel, rainbow and brook trout as well as yellow perch and other panfish provide fast paced action for anglers who have taken the time to learn each lake.

Three of the four lakes (from west to east: West Lake, Patchogue Lake, and Swan Lake), are located between Montauk and Sunrise Highways. Canaan Lake is slightly to the north.

Choice of lure of bait largely depends on which lake you fish and what you intend to catch. Basically, four types of lures and two types of bait will comprise your selection: spinnerbaits, shallow running minnow imitations, small spoons, jelly worms, killies and night crawlers.

Canaan Lake is probably the most widely known freshwater bassin in the Patchogue area. It can be reached by exiting Sunrise Highway to North Ocean Ave. (N), and making a left turn onto Johnson Street. Take Johnson St. to Ocean Ave. and make a right turn. Following Ocean Avenue brings you to the head of the lake.

A favorite of early season trout fishermen, Canaan sports a fair number of brook and rainbow trout. Strictly a put and take affair, the action with trout here is best during the months of April, May and June. By July, most of the less finicky trout have been culled from the lake and the better scores will be made by fly casters working small, dark streamers although spin fishermen will occasionally connect with small Rebels or gold spoons. In general, trout action at this lake is best at the south end and along the east side.

Some nice sized largemouth bass also inhabit this body of water and these respond well to six inch jellyworms rigged Texas style or black or blue-hued Rebels and Rapalas. Concentrate your efforts for bass along those weed edges that border the deeper water areas—especially at the north end of the lake and along the west shoreline. The shallow water along the southern wall can also be productive at times and is always worth a shot early or late in the day. While the bass in this lake are not overly numerous, the chances of hooking a two or three pounder are very high and certainly makes up for the lack of numbers.

In my estimation, the most outstanding fishing offered by Canaan Lake is for chain pickerel. Many trout or bass fishermen working this lake for the first time are taken by surprise when unexpectedly connecting with this savage battler. Averaging close to two pounds apiece, the pickerel here seem to grow exceptionally large with three pounds no surprise and a few four pounders taken each year.

Far and away the best bait for enticing pickerel are lively saltwater killies. These small baitfish are incredibly hardy and can withstand the shock of being moved from a marine environment to freshwater. They also hold up well to casting. Killies are best presented by hooking just below the dorsal fin with a #4 Eagle Claw hook and flipped along the edge of a shallow water weed bed. Be careful not to hook your bait too deeply, as severing its spinal cord will render it paralyzed and thus unattractive to most game fish. If you cannot obtain any live bait, the same lures used for bass will often work on the pickerel, too.

You'll find the mix of bass, trout and pickerel at Canaan Lake to be quite pleasant and the suspense each strike holds is intense since the possibilities are so varied—especially if you are fishing with killies or minnow imitating lures. One other fish that may be encountered here is

A trio of local youngsters with some fine looking pickerel taken from Canaan Lake.

the bowfin. This fish looks somewhat like a cross between a bass and an eel. It is a throwback to primitive days (the only member of its family to survive to this point), and is able to gulp air as well as breathe underwater. The bowfin is a rather ugly creature (although I doubt it finds us to be creatures of extreme beauty), possessing a large head and well developed set of teeth. They grow as large as ten or twelve pounds, but a five pounder is considered large in New York waters. They are excellent fighters, however, to my knowledge, are not good eating. As far as I have heard, Canaan Lake is the only place on Long Island in which these fish reside.

Because of the sharp teeth and savagery of both the pickerel and bowfin, it's a good idea to use a 10 to 12 lb. test leader when fishing Canaan Lake. This leader is not likely to discourage any fish from striking and will certainly help prevent cutoffs from the larger fish.

The largest body of fresh water in this area is Patchogue Lake. This is most easily reached by taking Waverly Ave. (S), from Sunrise Highway and making left turn onto East 2nd Street immediately prior to the police station.

Also noted for its bass and pickerel, Patchogue Lake is less heavily fished even though it gives up more than its fair share of four pound plus bass each season. This lake is a wormer's delight with extremely heavy weed growth and lots of points as well as shallow coves.

Most fishermen work this lake strictly for bass although its pickerel population closely rivals that of Canaan Lake in size and numbers. Black or purple jellyworms in six or nine inch size fished tight against the shore or snaked over shallow weed beds are probably the quickest way to hook up with this lake's resident bass. Large, black, jointed Rebels work well in the more open pockets, but seem to be productive only very early or late in the day.

As with Canaan Lake, killies are a good bait to work with and increase the chances of taking a mixed bag of bass and pickerel. They are, however, somewhat difficult to keep free of weeds when working the north end of the lake.

I've had my best luck here working the points along the west shore with the jellyworms. The large cove on the east side directly across from the launch site is also quite good, but due to the very shallow water must be approached very quietly to prevent spooking the fish.

Patchogue Lake also has a population of large yellow perch which are susceptible to very small spoons or small night crawlers. For the most part, these fish hold in the deeper water toward the south end of the lake and are usually found by drifting from the east shore toward the deeper middle.

My favorite Patchogue lake for both bass and trout is, without a doubt, West Lake. This lake intersects Montauk Highway just west of Waverly Avenue. Shore-bound access here is severely limited and all launching is done from the north end of the lake.

I take more large bass from this lake than any other than I fish and the trout here are receptive to both flies and lures. This lake is much less weedy than the previous two and while fairly uniform in depth, does offer enough in the way of bottom changes to make the fishing adventuresome. Black spinnerbaits, small Rebels and Rapalas and, of course, jellyworms, all take bass here. Small gold spoons, 3½ inch black Rebels, or streamer flies all account for rainbow trout. The bass range in size from shorts to six or even seven pounds, although the average is somewhere around 12 or 13 inches in length. Most of the trout go 9 to 12 inches.

Productive areas include the shallow cove on the east side as well as the flats along the west front end of the lake. The small dock in the southeast corner also has its moments.

Lastly, we come to Swan Lake. The easternmost of the Patchogue waters, this lake offers little in the way of bass action, but is home to some of the best trout and yellow perch fishing in the area. Situated slightly east of Phyllis Drive, this lake is commonly worked with small killie or night crawlers baits but will also produce for fly fishermen and casters using light, silver or gold colored spoons.

The best action here is usually along the southern end. However, the entire lake holds possibilities. A good number of 12 to 14 inch browns and rainbows will filter into the catch for those who know this lake well, but the average trout is closer to 10 inches long. The perch here are, on the average, larger than in most Long Island lakes and I've personally caught them up to 14 inches in length, so don't overlook this possibility. Night crawlers or very small killies work on the perch.

In closing, let me say that all of these sites are presently underfished. However, it is important to realize that these small bodies of water will not withstand the pressures of careless fishermen who keep all they catch or litter the water with lunch bags and other debris. Please release unharmed those fish you do not intend to eat and deposit your trash in a proper manner at day's end.

Live bait and information about each of these areas can be obtained from J&J Bait and Tackle which is located on Montauk Highway, just east of Waverly Avenue. The people there keep a good pulse on the freshwater scene and are worth speaking to before setting out.

Well, now you've got several possibilities to consider. I suggest that you get to it. The fall fishing on each of these lakes is top-notch and, with a little work and investigation you, too, should be able to cash in on the fast action at the freshwater "Patchogue Grounds!"

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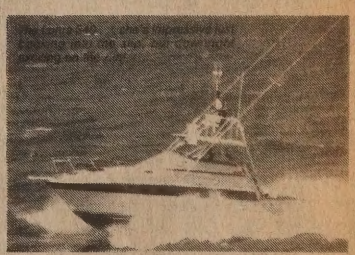

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HAND HELD SONAR

by Jim Campbell

This item is a boon for the small boat owner or sportsperson who rents a boat for fishing.

New developments through modern technology has helped fishermen in pursuit of their favorite pastime. These developments are greater comfort in clothing, lighter and warmer, keeping them fishing longer, in more comfort. Highly dependable motors with increased economy in running faster and longer than years past. Also, a host of electronic equipment to increase an angler's chance of catching fish.

Foremost has been radar and sonar to run in greater safety and pinpoint fishing with amazing accuracy. For the most part, this had been for larger craft. Small boats, as car-toppers and even trailer size boats, in many cases do not have space to mount depth finder/fish recorder units. Not to mention their cost being prohibitive to some, even as their cost comes down, and are increasing in efficiency.

Take heart; there is now a lightweight portable hand-held sonar unit that can increase an angler's chance of catching fish. This model called "Fish Ray" is manufactured by D&D Electronics, Inc., of Albany, Oregon.

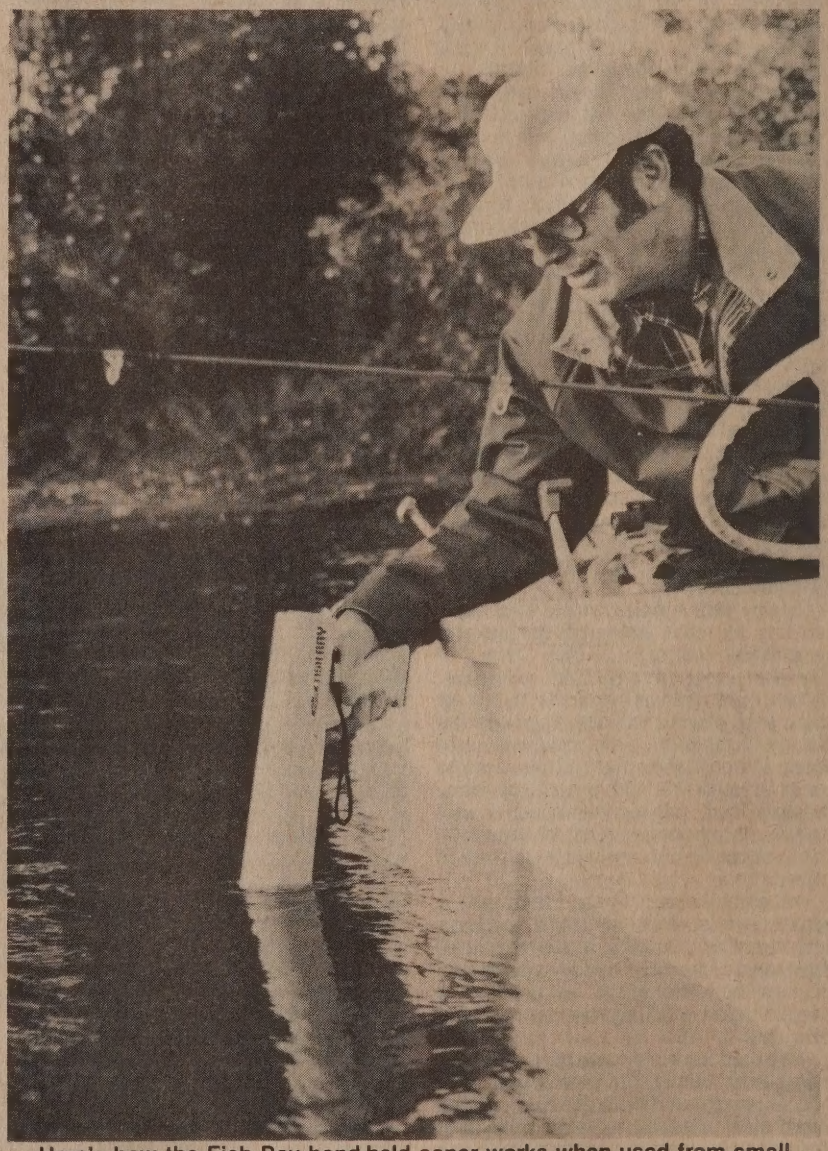
Made of high impact resistant plastic case, it operates on two common transistor type nine volt batteries, weighing a scant 1.5 lbs. It is formed with a pistol grip style handle and is operated by a spring return trigger, and measures 12 inches long by three inches wide.

Designed by Morrow Electronics, D&D Electronics now manufactures this unit using their expertise. This unit utilizes solid state circuitry featuring automatic noise rejection for more reliable readings. Display is registered by use of liquid digital display (LCD) for clear readings even in bright sunlight.

It displays from depths of two feet to 99 feet on the dial. A dot above the digits indicate that unit is on by flashing. If you move over 100 feet in depth you will read to 199, but only displaying last two digits. Sonar has the capability is measuring greater depths, but for a hand-held unit, it was decided to limit it to this range.

Reading like a digital flashing unit, if fish are encountered when reading bottom or dropoffs, the depth numbers change. With use, practice, reliable readings can be made enhancing your fishing experience.

A new model that will display up to 300 feet is being developed in Dive Ray series. This model is used by underwater divers and has an illuminated dial and is completely waterproof. It is currently used by U.S. Navy divers who requested a greater depth gauge.



Here's how the Fish Ray hand-held sonar works when used from small boat. It will reveal bottom structure in depths of up to 95 feet.

Fish Ray unit will float, but should not be completely immersed when using. To use, place transducer end in water pulling trigger to read. A true depth is in a straight line to bottom. Do not use near wake of an outboard as bubbles can distort your readings.

When installing batteries or checking them, be careful to do so in a protected area so no water will splash or rain fall into the unit as excessive moisture can ruin or distort readings.

This unit can be used in fresh or salt water, opening a whole new dimension to fishermen. Bob Daly of D&D Electronics gave some hints on using this unit. When reading likely looking areas, rotate your fish ray on

an angle (tilted) to scan a large scope from one spot. By doing this, you scan a larger area saving time, enabling you to do more fishing. Another twist to this in freshwater is to scan toward a tree stump, ledge or any likely fish-holding spot before you move in to cast, possibly scaring your quarry away before you do cast. A long cast may be needed in shallow water so as not to frighten the fish off.

Using this truly portable unit can be a big help finding fish or good fishing location. In unfamiliar lakes without maps of bottom structure, you can spend most of your time looking, not fishing.

Dropoffs are one type of location that can be difficult, time consuming to find when you have only a general idea of their location. Thermocline level is another. This is a stratum of water with a comfort range, active feeding temperatures for fish. If trout in a large lake or impoundment are at 40-odd feet down in midsummer and you are fishing in water less than that, you are apt to be in a barren area.

You would need to fish in deeper water to find or read fish at thermocline depth of 40 feet. Warmer weather normally moves most fish into cooler, deeper water. Hence a need for fish locating/depth finder unit.

Brush piles, trees, crowns are other places that will harbor fish. They can be difficult, if not impossible to find if waters are dirty from rain or roiled by wind without a depth finder. With all of this there are no guarantees that you will catch fish, but you can at least get in the ball park by fishing where fish are to be found. Then it is up to you to work your angling skills.

Fish Ray's small compact size can be useful if you journey to a distant lake or bay with or without your own boat. When fishing large inland lakes or bays using rented boats, you have an edge by being able to locate likely fish holding water. Depth, dropoff, high spots that attract bait fish will draw game fish to them.

In remote areas where there are no maps available or buoys to give a reference point this unit can help put fish in your box. By using as a fishing tool in both familiar and unfamiliar waters, you will be able to pick out and recognize changes with ease and confidence of bottom structures, spot fish at varying depth levels.

All information gleaned will make for a successful and pleasurable trip, for once you have all the fish you need for table fare, you can still catch and release all others. This can put you in that class of 20 percent of the anglers who catch 80 percent of the fish.

By having this unit you may be asked to fish with a companion who does not have one to fish with, either local or afar.

At present, this unit is not sold locally, but is available direct from manufacturer. For more information, write care of Bob Daly, D&D Electronics, 246 So. Main St., Albany, Oregon 97321 or call 503-928-5375.

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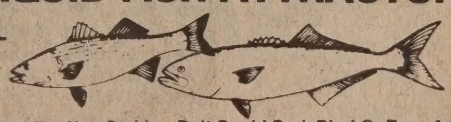

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SURF FISHING'S MOST FAMOUS PERCH

by John Fritz

The novice surfcaster, taking a leisurely stroll along the base of Montauk's renowned Lighthouse, may speculate on the possibilities afforded this likely looking area. In the light of day, with a gentle wind caressing a calm surf, the few flattened rocks standing by the water's edge, would seem to make casting a lure child's play. Unfortunately, it is not under these conditions that most of the better game fish are taken, nor is it the time when just about every rock, not just the level ones, will see a surfcaster perched precariously on its surface. Inky blackness, punctuated intermittently by the sweep of the Lighthouse beam, crashing waves, some so powerful as to drive burly surfmen from their perch, potent winds that give added impetus to the sheets of blinding spray and people packed so close an errant cast will foul a half a dozen lines. These are the conditions a surfman must cope with when fishing the Lighthouse at the height of the fall run.

Unfortunately, the widespread publicity given to the exploits of those who fish under the Light has not included a warning that this is a unique place from which to fish. In the minds of many accomplished surfmen, probably the most difficult place to fish on all of Long Island and much of the East Coast. It is not my intent to discourage anyone from fishing the Light, although many do feel it's crowded enough now. The purpose is to offer some insight as to what equipment is needed to make the experience safer and less of a struggle, what lures are most favored, and the most productive season, winds and tides.

While there may be exceptions to any of the above, the angler who comes ill-prepared to cope with the hazards of a typical night on the rocks will put his own safety, and the ability of those nearby to fish unhampered, in jeopardy. In some instances, such an angler will not encounter any undue difficulty, he might even catch a few fish, but eventually circumstances will force him into a position where his inadequate preparations will fail to measure up.

Probably the most important item is to provide a non-slip surface for the soles of one's feet. The high flat rocks are the first to be taken. In addition, there will be occasions when it will be necessary to climb over the algae-coated rocks at the water's edge in order to retrieve a lure or gaff a fish. Felt soles are good, but metal cleats are better. While some wet-suiters still prefer golf shoes, studded rubbers or sandals have appeared on the market and they are receiving widespread acceptance from those who must traverse areas where slippery rocks are a handicap to be dealt with. The rubbers, an adaptation of the ordinary rubber worn to protect shoes during inclement weather, slip over the boot of the wader or whatever footwear is preferred by a wet-suiter. It is advisable to make several wraps of vinyl tape around the arch of each foot to ensure that the rubber does not become dislodged while fishing. Walt's Walkers, as they are known, are available at Johnny's Tackle Shop in Montauk, on the route everyone must take in order to reach the Lighthouse. The cost is approximately $25, much cheaper than the charge to repair a broken leg. Korker's Sandals, selling for about $40, are fashioned from sturdy, non-corrosive materials, and secured in place with a criss cross of laces. J&J Tackle in Patchogue is one shop where this item can be obtained.

Felt soles are the least a prospective Lighthouse fisherman should be equipped with. While not providing the sure-footedness of steel-tipped soles, they do allow the angler to maintain a measure of balance on the less heavily coated rocks. One can either buy the completed sandal or purchase the felt and glue it to the sole of either the waders, short boots or sneakers, depending on which outerwear the angler chooses.

It seems that an inordinate amount of space is being granted to footwear in a short article of this type, but maintaining one's balance is of the utmost importance. The angler will

feel more at ease, casts will remain true and be of the greatest possible distance, the critical moment of gaffing the prized trophy will be less troublesome and that unexpected breaker, catching you in the groin, will be less likely to throw you off balance.

The wet suit, by far, provides the greatest degree of safety and mobility when clambering over slippery rocks. Because the anglers fishing the Light will not be immersed in the water, where the full benefits of a wet suit can be realized, this outfit can become uncomfortable when those nor'westerlies pour in directly from the Arctic. The wind's chilling effect can be reduced immeasurably by donning the waterproof top.

The most common attire worn by those under the Light is the standard waders and top, although this is probably the least suitable dress for fishing this area. This combination is probably the most popular for the simple reason that it is what surf fishermen use when fishing other parts of the Island. In recent years, more and more Montauk surfmen are borrowing the dress preferred by jetty jockeys: short rubber boots underneath rubber pants and standard top. There are several reasons for this choice, not the least of which is the greater freedom of leg movement. In addition, the replacement costs of pants are much less than waders. When gluing on felts, most anglers are less reluctant to grind off the cleated soles of cheap short boots than a hundred dollar pair of waders. Regardless of what dress an angler chooses, on most occasions he can plan on getting wet. A hat and hood are a must and a rolled up towel, tucked around one's neck, is not a bad idea to keep the drenching spray from trickling down one's chest.

In the daylight, when crowds are sparse and the surf is relatively calm, just about any class of tackle can be tried. During prime time, when most rocks are taken by anglers whipping 2½ to 3 ounce plugs into an angry surf, then 11½ feet sticks and large capacity reels are the norm. Good quality lines in the 20 pound test range are used to exert the utmost pressure to bring any hooked fish to gaff as quickly as possible. The overall choice among Lighthouse regulars is Ande, a line known to possess excellent abrasion resistant qualities.

A few additional items needed to complete the ensemble would include a stringer, only to transport the fish back to the car, for no one carries their fish attached to the belt. A necklight, more powerful than that which is commonly used on other beaches, is advised to spot fish being brought to gaff amongst the clutter of rocks and turbulent wash. Speaking of gaffs, the customary hand gaff adorning most surfmen's belts is useless here unless one intends to scramble to the outer edge of rocks and enter the wash; a feat which is dangerous on most occa-

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sions. It would be better to fashion a jetty gaff, a 10 foot length of aluminum pipe fitted with the appropriate size gaff head.

At the height of the fall migration, bass, blues and weaks can all be taken in respectable numbers all in the same night. Interestingly, all three species can be taken on the same lure even though they may be feeding on a variety of baitfish. The number one lure at this time, by far, is the Gibbs 2½ ounce yellow darter. If you carry no other lure make sure this one is among your collection. Of course, either lures will take fish; in fact, on certain occasions other plugs will outproduce the darter, but day in and day out (I should say night in and night out), this wooden plug will be the answer.

On these nights, when towering swells make working a darter difficult, the bottle plug or casting swimmer will often save the day. At times such as this or when a fierce cross wind creates a troublesome belly in the line, the exaggerated lip of the bottle will grant the caster a better feel of the plug. At any rate, these are the two types of lures found on the business end of any regular working the Light at the height of the run. On special occasions, a particular color may produce a temporary increase in an angler's catch, most notably a black or dark blue plug on moonless nights.

A knowledgeable few manage to jig heavy bucktails with some success, but any novice choosing to sling a lightweight swimming plug is asking for repeated tangles with his neighbors. The casting distance and arc of retrieve is totally different from the heavier wooden plugs and will, time after time, interfere with those fishing nearby.

Even when everyone is using similar tackle, snagged lines will occur. In an effort to prevent this bothersome complication, an angler should cast uptide at a 45 degree angle and try to alternate his cast with those on either side. When someone close by hooks a fish hold your plug out of the water until the area is clear. Remember, a fouled line will result in more time lost than if you did the sportsmanlike thing and waited. On the other hand, an angler engaged in fighting a fish has the responsibility to land the fish as quickly as possible and if the fish travels downtide, to follow as best he can.

Even the most accomplished surfmen get hung up with anglers down the line. If it's easier for the other angler to reel in the tangle, let him know where you are and give him sufficient slack to free your plug. Once the lines have been unsnarled, the other angler's plug should be thrown into the water with a warning. Never drop someone else's plug into the rocks—a thoughtless act which frequently results in a lost lure. The value of a teaser is well known, but at this time it is more of a hindrance. When fishing in such crowded conditions, it increases both the chance and magnitude of a tangle. Later on in the season, when the bite of approaching winter thins the ranks of those fishing the Light, teasers and every variety of swimming plug may be tried without imposing on others.

Easterly winds, as long as they are not of gale force, are preferred by the Lighthouse regulars. The same can be said of the last three hours of a flooding tide. If your opportunity to fish Montauk does not coincide with either of these elements do not cancel the trip. Frequently during the fall run and occasionally at other times, excellent fishing can be found on other tides and other winds. If the game fish are assembled and feeding on the baitfish surging past the Point, the wind is of lesser importance than the tide. This is why, at the height of the run, surfmen can be seen staking out their favorite rocks two or three hours before they plan to fish. This is most common when the preferred tides fall early in the evening, the wee hours of the morning are a bit less popular.

As the second week of September passes into history, load your plug bag with an assortment of darters and bottle plugs. Make your way east until you run out of land. After spending a few daylight sessions practicing on small bluefish, give a night tide a try. If you've learned your lessons well, you'll find the Lighthouse regulars a friendly and helpful group of surf fishermen.

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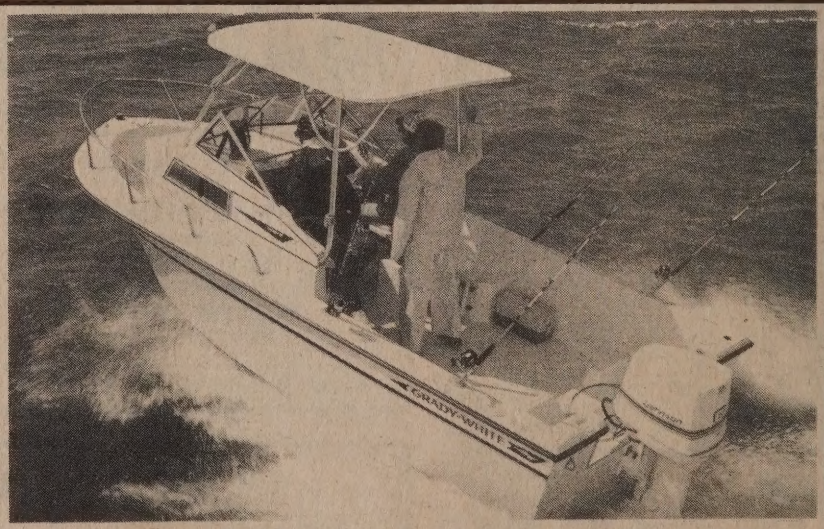

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DUET IN NEW

by Sal

Each year about the last week in August, west end Jamaica Bay anglers witness a steady movement of weakfish upon the local fluke grounds. The infiltration is swift and the action spirited, as marauding weaks compete vigorously with resident summer flatties for the available bait supply.

Local fluke fishermen zero in on both species by adapting slightly their tried-and-true fluking techniques to compensate for the newly-arrived weakfish.

The most practical approach is to fashion a hi-lo rig consisting of two hooks strategically spaced on the main line. The hi-lo serves a dual purpose by presenting bait in both species' respective feeding ranges.

On the bottom hook, I prefer a 4/0 Sproat tied on a three-foot leader just above the sinker. Baited with spearing or sand eel and squid, it is rigged for fluke. The high hook, a 3/0 Sproat or Beak on an 18 inch leader, is secured to a three-way swivel four feet above the bottom hook and baited with either a whole sand worm or tapered squid strip for weaks.

The best of this double action occurs on the Brooklyn side of the bay along Floyd Bennett field from the mouth of Mill Basin Creek to the Marine Parkway Bridge. On the Queens side, an alternate hotspot lies between the Rockaway jetty and a concrete structure situated in the middle of the bay called "The Roundhouse."

Drifting is the most productive method for seeking out both fluke and weakfish in these areas. When the drift runs parallel to the shoreline, catches seem to be more consistent. However, Mother Nature doesn't always provide the most ideal conditions, so when the drift runs to or from shore, it is best to make short drifts between mid-channel and as close to shore as safety permits.

Rod action plays an important role when fishing for fluke and weaks simultaneously. Both species respond well to moving baits; therefore, sinker bouncing and frequent high lifts will improve your overall catch considerably.

At times, weaks will venture below their normal feeding range to pilfer snacks off a bottom hook meant for fluke. On some occasions you can even dispense with the high hook altogether and still score with both species.

Be forewarned, however, this is not simply a matter of choice. You must be able to interpret the signs carefully before deciding on a definite course of action, yet be prepared to change tactics at a moment's notice should a sudden turn of events take place. If weaks are consistently being caught off bottom, by all means fish the single hook rig. But if on the other hand, only one or two weaks over an extended period of time strike the fluke rig, I would then switch over to the hi-lo.

This brings to mind a trip I had made last year during the Labor Day weekend. I had been fishing aboard my brother-in-law, Captain Paul Luisi's boat, the Sailfin, with a buddy, Johnny Calamia. We began on the bay side of Rockaway, drifting a short distance off the beach and between the jetty and "The Roundhouse." Although we were rigged for fluke, the weaks were giving us a run for our money. By noon, we had hooked into a dozen fluke along with an impressive number of weaks.

Then by early afternoon, a shift in the tide and an increase in the wind's velocity made it impossible to drift successfully over the area. Seeking out calmer water, we found it off Floyd Bennett. We made short drifts from mid-channel to just beyond red buoy #4. Each pass produced two or three fluke, yet not one weakfish was taken.

Realizing the Floyd Bennett weakfish were not as cooperative as their Rockaway counterparts, Johnny rerigged with a hi-lo in hopes of recreating our earlier action. We had drifted no more than two or three feet beyond the buoy, when Johnny's light outfit had arched to a sudden strike. Moments later a weak was brought boatside and eased into the net. The skipper and I changed over to hi-lo rigs and within an hour seven more weakfish had been lifted over the rail.

As a rule, those weaks taken along with fluke are of the school size variety, weighing from two to five pounds with an occasional seven pounder tipping the scales. But by mid-September, as fluke move out and into deeper waters, larger, more aggressive weakfish take up residence in areas previously dominated by the summer flatfish.

Ralph Giordano, who operates Sheepshead Bay Bait and Tackle at Emmons and Nostrand Avenues in Brooklyn, is a crackerjack fisherman and has been snatching weakfish from these local waters for many years. He claims early morning action is found along Bergen Beach from the mouth of Mill Basin Creek to Paerdega Basin. And when the dawn hours are accompanied by an incoming tide weakfishing, Ralph noted, is at its peak.

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But as the day progresses and boat traffic picks up, weaks seek out the security of deeper water and move on. Afternoon and early evening sport takes place along the edge of the channel in line with the Floyd Bennett bulkhead to the north and the Marine Parkway Bridge to the west. Wind and tidal conditions permitting, drifting near or under the Marine Parkway Bridge also offers some great late-season weakfishing.

The menu for these tackle-busting tiderunners includes bunker, snapper blues, butterfish, even small bergalls—all preferably rigged live. Squid, which had been used successfully when fishing both species earlier in the month, seems to be less effective at this time, while sand worms continue to hold their own.

Popular among western Jamaica Bay worm drifters such as Ralph Giordano and Captain Paul Luisi is the high leader rig. A Sproat or Beak hook on a three foot leader tied into a three-way swivel four feet above the sinker. Hook sizes range from 1/0 to 5/0 with the 3/0 size most widely used.

Most fellows thread about one-third of the worm onto the hook while allowing the remaining tail section to trail enticingly behind. Weaks go wild for that hula-dancing worm tail and will generally engulf the whole worm in one swallow.

Live-lining, on the other hand, requires a great deal more finesse and timing when attempting to stick the hook deeply into the weakfish's mouth. Even the larger, teen-sized weaks are less likely to wolf down a half-foot-long snapper or bunker in one gulp. Prematurely setting the hook may result in only lip-hooking the hungry predator, and with the lip being the weakest part of its mouth, your catch need only shake its head to rip free of the hook. Patience is the key word!

Weakfish take whole bait like a cat pouncing on a nervous mouse. They will generally hit about mid-body, then carry the bait off, quite often for long distances, before settling down to savor the meal at leisure. So take your time. After the initial strike, you will notice line being drawn steadily, but not necessarily so quickly, away. At all costs, avoid the impulse to strike back at this time, but allow the fish a few minutes to get the bait down. It is important during this run to feed line back to the fleeing fish and wait for a heavy pick-up before attempting to set the hook.

Some anglers simply hook live bait in the lips, but I prefer to use either a #2 treble hook planted in the dorsal area or a tandem rig with the inside hook placed in the lips and the end hook embedded near the tail. All live-line rigs should be tied directly to the fishing line. It may also be necessary to secure a clinch sinker or small trolling drail about two feet above the baited hook to be sure the rig reaches the desired depth and lies within biting distance of some hungry tiderunners.

Not all weaks occupying the western Jamaica Bay fluke grounds are trophy size, or even keepers for that matter. At times even baby weakfish set up nurseries in former fluke fishing areas. I remember one late summer several years ago, I had taken my son Paulie to Mill Basin for some light pier fishing. Paulie was about three years old and just beginning to learn the game of fishing.

While in the midst of loading up on snappers from the surface and porgies off bottom, I hooked into a tiny golden fish, wiggling on the hook of my porgy rig and reflecting hues of purple and yellow in the bright sunlight. For a brief moment, I was at a loss to identify this brilliantly-colored fish. But as I began to gently work the hook free, I spotted these distinctive fang-like teeth. It was a weakfish, no more than three or four inches long!

After removing the hook, I carefully placed the infant weakfish back into the water and continued to fish.

Several more were taken that day when I finally decided to halt our bottom fishing activities before seriously injuring one of the potential tiderunners.

My young son, who was just beginning to grasp the fundamentals of fishing, couldn't understand why I kept returning the tiny weakfish but continued to load our bucket with snappers, which were not much bigger than the weaks.

I explained to him that, unlike bluefish, weaks were not so plentiful and those who wanted to fish for them had to abide by certain laws created to protect the weaks.

Weakfish taken from New York State waters must be 12 inches to be legal. But the law only provides minimal protection. We, as sportsmen, have a moral obligation to go even further. So please fellows, return the short fish and try to give up some of the larger catches on those days when the fish are overly cooperative. Take only that which is to be used for the table and we'll all continue to enjoy "weakfishing at the fluke grounds" for many years to come.

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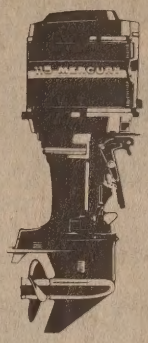

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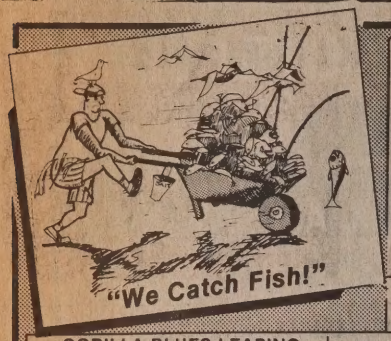

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East End REPORT

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East winds and rough seas again dampened the action most of the week. Tuna were red hot the beginning of last week, then dropped off, however all signs are pointing to a revival of previous good tuna action. Bluefish have arrived by the millions at Montauk and are anxious to be caught. Porgy action is showing signs of picking up, after it's monthlong slow down. Fluke is fantastic in Shinnecock Bay, with lots of action. Seabass are becoming more numerous. Weakfish (schoolies) in Noyack bay.

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A125 lb. hammerhead shark was brought into **Captain's Cove Marina** this week, caught on the private boat, Prowler, which was fishing approximately 20 miles south of the Point. A spokesman for the marina stated that yellowfin and longfin tuna were taken in the 40 fathom line, and that there are some mako sharks around. It was further stated, that bluefish have gone berzerk at Cartrite, with all you want, taking any kind of bait or lure.

Janet Bowman, Arlene Petterson, Clem Reseska and Tom Bowman with three yellowfin tuna to 100 lbs. taken aboard the Montauk charter boat, "Barracuda." Photo courtesy of Bowman's Sporting Goods in Northport.

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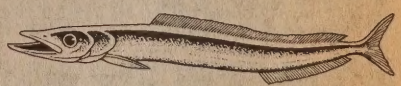

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Kathren Megerder with a pile of big Nomans Land porgies taken on the "Viking Starlite."

Carl Darenberg stated that the tuna action this past week was in basically smaller fish. On Tuesday, Oscar Ammorasso boated a 420 lb. tuna on the Marlin, weighed at the **Montauk Marine Basin**. Wednesday's tuna catch included a 200 lb. bluefin on the Rosane II, a 150 lb. tuna on the Preditor, and a 190 lb. bluefin by Capt. Al Ristore on the **Sheri Berri**. William Doerzbacker boated a tuna of 303 lbs. on the Oncore IV on Friday, while Chuck Willer's 350 lb. Giant was taken on Saturday on the Crestliner. Oscar Ammorasso put his daughter on her first giant tuna, a 556 lb. fish on Sunday. Also caught on Sunday and brought into the **Montauk Marine Basin** was a blue marlin of 457 lbs. caught by Robert Helbig on the Trophy Hunter. The fish took a green machine intended for tuna in the east tuna grounds.

Maureen Sennefelder reported that Russ Knorr of Saugerties, NY, has had a great time on his vacation this week, doing very well particularly on the blues which have blitzed Cartrite. Fish are running to 18 lbs. and seem to favor herring on baited hooks. Many fluke have been brought into **Gone Fishing Marina**. Frank Savage fishing Ditch Plains on Sunday accounted for 25 fluke to 5 lbs., along with many seabass. Kisa and Kelly Boyles caught several 5 pounders while fishing with their grandfather at the Pocketbook fishing grounds on the family boat, Marion B. Porgy fishing seems to have perked up. Ira Hester and his friends fished on Capt. Bob Sztork's **Caprice**, returning with 180 porgies to 2½ lbs. this week fishing Great Eastern. On the charterboat **Rainbow II**, Ken Casseli and Sam Micciche boated a 602 lb. Giant on Wednesday. Scott Hirsch and friends, a 103 lb. bluefin on Thursday, while Vic Mitler brought back a 140 lb. tuna fishing with Capt. Bob Rochetta, south of Block Island. The private boat Compromise fished the Butterfish hole for 11 football tuna averaging 40-50 lbs. late in the week.

Miran Martinolli fished alone from **Uihlein's Boat Rentals**, returning with 22 keeper fluke caught in a 4 hour fishing spree. Henry said that the fluke are holding up between Shagwong and False Point and also east of the gill nets. Squid with sand eels or spearing are still the best baits. Four and Five pound blues are taking hopkins lures off the point according to Henry while larger blues have been caught on umbrella rigs or herring bait on cartrite rigs or floated chum hooks. During the past week, a group on a rented 24 ft. proline fished Great Eastern for a boatload of porgies.

Capt. Paul Forsberg claims that the porgies at Nomans Land are now getting larger—excellent fish and fishing with high hook usually 70-80 large and jumbo porgies. About 5 percent of the catch consist of sea bass and blackfish. Two **Viking Fleet** boats are sailing every Saturday at 3AM for porgies, the Star and the Starlite. Codfishing at Cox's Ledge fell off a bit

last week, probably due to the persistent easterly winds, however average catch of cod was 10-15 per man with the pool fish usually in the 30 pound range. On Sunday, a nine year old girl won the pool with a 35 pound cod, unfortunately, she didn't leave her name.

Not many fluke have been taken on the **Starship**, but all are keepers and the pool fish always over 5 pounds. On Sunday, a 6½ pound sea bass was caught as well. Fluking has been confined to the Pocketbook and Shagwong areas. Night bluefishing on the Starship is unbelievable with all gorilla blues over 12 pounds taking jigs. Because of the bluefish invasion, two Viking boats will be bluefishing Saturday nights.

Last Thursday Rudy DiMaria and I fished Pigeon Rip looking for weakfish. With us were his teenage sons Rudy and Philip and friend John Robb. Although we could not tempt any weakfish, the three boys jigged over 130 bluefish in the 4 to 8 lb. range. Can't guarantee that the fish are still there, but on our trip, they were stacked up, top to bottom.

On Sunday, a group led by Les Stafford of the Bronx, caught 327 porgies, 4 blackfish to 5 lbs. and 9 sea bass on the **Julie III**. To round off the trip. Capt. Ron Grandinetti took the group to Cartwright where 72 blues from 7 to 18 lbs. were added to the fish box. The blues took baited Cartwright rigs.

captain Gene Kelly found Tuesday to be the best of the week for tuna on the **Kellyboat** when Kevin Vollbracht and his friends boated yellowfin tuna to 120 lbs., and bluefin tuna from 120 to 153 lbs. Eleven year old Rene Kelly was the angler for the "pool" fish. On Saturday over 50 blues from 10 to 18 lbs. were trolled, along with three bluefin tuna.

The best day of the week on the **King Wayne** took place on Wednesday when Brian Nicolletti of Halesite and his friends boated three yellowfin and four bluefin from 75 to 155 lbs., along with a blue shark. On Thursday, no tuna were caught, however, Mark Leibovitz captured a trophy white marlin—72 lbs. An evening bluefish trip with a group from American Express on Saturday night was brought to an early end because there was no place on the boat to put the fish! Over 250 blues up to 20 lbs. were caught at Cartwright. The following day, John Kelly of Shelter Island his friends, jigged and baited 152 blues from 6 to 20 lbs. Captain Wayne tried out the new 8 oz. Edelman bluefish jig (green tube) with obviously fantastic results.

Captain Mike Albronde also enjoyed his best tuna fishing of the week on Monday and Tuesday: 5 fish from 100 to 185 lbs. were boated on Monday, while 7 tuna from 95 to 183 lbs. were taken Tuesday by Gregg Alexander and his group fishing on the **Montauk**. Captain Mike reports bluefishing on Cartwright excellent, with Tony Goldberg and his Long Island friends catching over 100 blues, averaging 10

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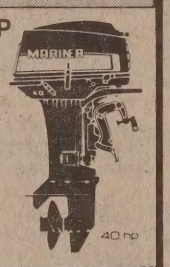

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lbs. on a weekend trip. A brown shark, estimated at 75 lbs., was caught and released. After loading up on blues, the group tried a change of pace and boated 25 codfish to 15 lbs.

Early in the week "Lucky" Dick Latinski and his friend Steve lived up to his name on the **Nostalgia II** with a fine catch of 33 sea bass, 25 blackfish to 6½ lbs. and 2 triggerfish. Captain Jerry McGrath has a few open date. Call him for details.

Tuesdays lumpy seas didn't make for ideal fluking conditions when Terri and George Rogers of Selden and I tried our hand on the **Frances Anne II**. However, Terry on her first attempt at fluke fishing landed a doormat of 7½ lbs. along with several nice sea bass and smaller fluke.

Bill Mele and his family from Denver, Colo. chartered the **Adios** for a two day trip for tuna at Nomans Land, resulting in a 512 lb. giant, with four yellowfin and 2 bluefin in the 80 to 100 lb. range. On Saturday, Jim Noone and his group from the Eagle Taver in NYC fought a tuna estimated at over 600 lbs. for three hours bedore broke off. Apparently, the fish, hooked at 6PM, tangled in the anchor, besides being foul hooked.

Captain Bill Ricca fished baited 10 oz. Cartwright rigs for 67 bluefish in the 10 to 14 lb. range with Doug Sabo and his friends on a half day trip Friday. On Saturday, Ives Morancy and Pete Antonioli enjoyed a catch of 4-5 buckets of porgies and sea bass on the **Alyssa Ann.**

Captain Greg Beacher took the **Dawn** to Nomans where he caught a

Al Barone, aboard his charter boat "Hustler," whipped this 427 lb. blue marlin on August 7th. Also alongside the fish is Al's captain, Gary Carpenter. Photo courtesy of Montauk Marine Basin.

giant tuna of 755 lbs. on Wednesday.

Captain Bruce Kieffer reports good tuna in the school and mini giant category early in the week and again on the weekend, with fish up to 225 lb. caught. On Thursday, Nate Zimmerman fished on the **Ebb Tide** for a white marlin of 60 lbs. and a mako of 80 lbs. fishing south of Block Island.

On Friday, Jimmy Kim and his friends from the Kim Construction Company, a Montauk firm, was skunked on the **Lori Jay** therefore Capt. Jay Rigano tried the 40 fathom line the next day with the Lancilli's and found two 35 lb. bluefin and one 35 lb. yellowfins which took his green machine lures.

Captain Zac Grossman fished Cartwright for blues for Steve Schwartz and his friends where the **Mako Express** loaded up with all the blues to 19 lb. that the group could handle.

Captain Joe McBride reported that the charters on the **My Mate** for Kenneth Healey, John Dempsey and friends trolled 70 and 80 lb. yellowfin and bluefin tuna on Green Machines. Henry Bittler and friends from Waldbaum's Warehouse of Patchogue caught an 80 lb. mako SW of the Point. Capt. Joe added that Cartwright blues to 17 lbs. are an added bonus for all charters. Due to a cancellation there is an opening on the My Mate this weekend. Check ad for details.

A reminder that **Captains Cove Marina** is taking applications for its annual tuna tournament scheduled for September 1st and 2nd. See ad for details.

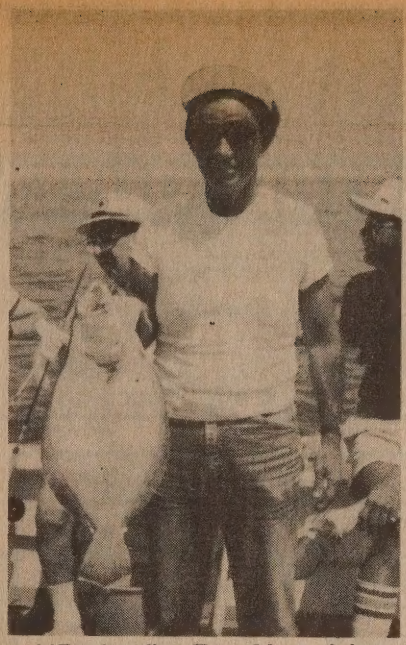
SOUTH FORK

Fishing for porgies on the **Wilhelric** continues to be RED HOT. All you want! according to Capt. Artie Lach. During the past week, a member of the Lady Reelers, all woman fishing club came home with over a five gallon bucket of soup!

Fluking at Gardiner's is up and down, depending on the day. Average keepers have been 8 to 10 fluke per man depending on the expertise of the fisherman. Capt. Lach is completely sold out for the special fluke trip scheduled for August 26th. However, because the response was so overwhelming, he has scheduled another trip the following day, Monday, August 27th. Reservations are necessary. Call for information.

Barbara of **Noyac Marina** said that the weakfish action continues good in Noyac off the Monastery. Bill Fales and Mike Stromberg fished this area on Saturday using squid on a high hook for 26 weakfish to 3 lbs. and a couple of fluke. Barbara stated that snappers are all over, taking anything and that some porgies have been caught on her rental boats.

Good fluking continues in Shinnecock Bay, wth heavy action on the west side of the Ponquogue bridge



LIF subscriber Tony Marasciulo with a nice fluke taken during a recent Montauk vacation aboard the Lazy Bones.

according to Thom Speckenbach of **Speck's Bait and Tackle**. Jack Sparr fished the incoming tide on Friday for 28 keepers, most in the 18 inch range. Thom further states that triggerfish and blues abound in the inlet wiht a few blackfish taken on hard baits. Fluking is holding up at the Ruins off Gardiner's but expect some off days. Porgies are on and off at Eastern Plains Point in Gardiner's. Small tubes were taking bluefish at Cherry Harbor.

Not too many boats ventured out early in the week because of winds according to Jay Kowalski of **Corr's Fishing Station** in Hampton Bays. However, Gene Fusaro and his children Leslie and Chris fished on Tuesday on the incoming tide for 40 fluke to 3 lbs. The weekend brought better weather and more fishermen. On Saturday, Louie Aneaar caught 24 fluke, John Contino of Ft. Lauderdale and Michael Gilbert of Philadelphia caught 30 fluke, Jan Eng and Fanny Lau of Flushing had a dozen keepers to 2½ lbs. Al, Bob and Tom Syvarth used killies first, then bucktails with fluke belly for their 35 fluke to 4 lbs. On Sunday, Jessie Harris, 12 years old, got hooked on fishing with her first 2½ lb. fluke, fishing with her dad in the East Channel. Mr. Parlatore and his family used sea robin strips for 45 keepers. A doormat of 7½ lbs. took a squid/sand eel combo presented by George Theophall of Mt. Vernon.

Mr. Nakamura checked out the porgy scene in the Peconics on Saturday, returning with a few small porgies and vowing to go fluking next week instead.

Offshore: Larry Lavaglio tried 170 feet of water out of Shinnecock, connected with a 150 lb. mako on Wednesday. John, on his boat Hook-Em-Up caught two makos in the 75 lb. range on Sunday.

Fred Ledermann reported that because of choppy sea conditions on the weekend, tuna fishermen tried in 115 feet of water where they found yellowfin, albacore and bluefin. Continuing with his report from **Altenkirch and Son**, Fred remarked how Bob Willins fished all alone on Sunday on his boat Broker and returned with a 48 lb. marlin. Flueka are holding up well in Shinnecock Bay and bluefishing is good in the ocean, east of the C buoy. There is very heavy action in the canal on snappers! Fred heard rumors of weakfish in Rose's Grove.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Fluke fishing remains the big news on the inshore scene in both Moriches and Great South Bays. The current run of fish is being compared to the best ever in terms of numbers though most anglers have by now become accustomed to returning anywhere from 3 to 5 shorts for every keeper. Still, the tremendous number of fish have been making for some great action. Snappers are now thick at all docks and marinas although crabbing has been disappointing in this area.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Capt. Ron Schlueter of the **Center Moriches** open boat **Alma** said that while fares catch many shorts they still manage an average of 10-15 keepers apiece. Ron has been working between buoys 29 and 33 as well as down near the Inlet. There have been some nice fish, as big as 7 pounds mixed in. Spearing and squid combos are working very well and small snappers are being used to take some of the larger fish.

Over at **L & M Marine** in **East Moriches**, Larry Greene told of loads of fluke from the Elbow to the Inlet on spearing and squid combos. Buoy 36 in the deep part of the channel has been good also. Some boats are returning with up to 30 keepers while releasing anywhere from 2-3 times that number. On Saturday John Karuss and Al Zella returned from the Elbow with 45 keepers up to 4½ pounds.

Another very good weekend despite

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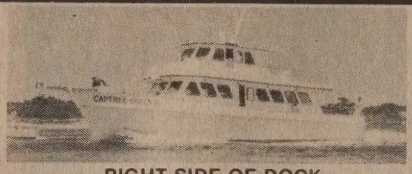

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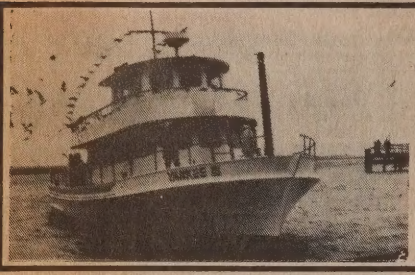

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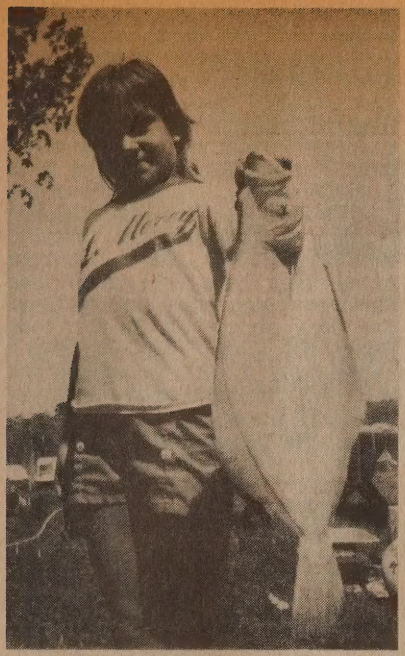

Michelle Renz caught this 4.5 lb. fluke while fishing Moriches Bay aboard a skiff rented from Silly Lily Fishing Station in East Moriches.

some east wind on Sunday said Nick Castoro of **Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**. Some of the best action is being found in the vicinity of Buoy 29 with catches of 20 keepers out of 50 to 60 total fish about average. Some of the sharpies have been racking up astronomical scores but these are not your average catches. There was a good showing of 4 pound plus fish this week with an occasional 5 to 6 pounder showing up as well. L.I.F. Staffer Marty Garrell and his wife Janet sampled the fishing Saturday. Using ultralight gear and 2 lb. test, the couple managed 2 dozen keepers out of nearly 100 fluke taken during the day. Nick noted that flounder action slacked off this week and that blue claw crabs appear ready to start.

Very good fluking with at least a dozen summer flatties in the 4-5 pound class taken over the weekend. This from Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**. On Saturday, Joyce and Kenny Ash found fish of 4.8 and 4.7 pounds among their 20 keeper catch. On Sunday Nancy Roeder and Joe Sorcio had a pair of 3½ pounders in their catch of 25 keepers. Gary noted that those working the deep channels are returning with the bigger fish. He named the edge of the channel near buoy 36 as particularly productive for the larger fish. Action has been on both tides with spearing and squid combos working just fine. Keeper ratio varies depending on the area fished but can be anywhere from 2-4 to 1. Lots of snappers and some blue claw crabs being taken in the coves.

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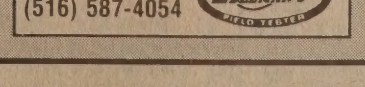

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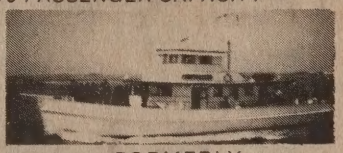

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Montalbano, all members of the Moriches Anglers, fished the Patchogue Grounds in John's boat **Sea Gull** during the week. The group saw plenty of tuna ranging anywhere from small footballs up to 60-70 pound class fish but could do nothing with them. They also dropped a mako at the boat. Highlight of the trip though was a 75 pound white marlin boated by 15 year old John, Jr.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Fluking has been great with loads of fish including many shorts spread from Ocean Beach all the way to the Inlet. This according to Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**. People are having a ball with the fish and still managing a good number of keepers for the freezer. In the bluefish department, Barry Bernstein and John Wildman ran to 60 feet of water south of Davis Park on Saturday where they drifted chunk baits. The pair wound up with a dozen big blues in the 10-14 pound class. Closer to home, snapper fishing is hot at all the local docks. There are some crabs along with some fluke being taken from Patchogue and Blue Point docks. Live killies are your best bet for these fluke.

Dave Canale of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** said that Joe Taisler found an 8.3 pound blackfish among his catch of 7 keeper fluke made near the R.M. Bridge on Saturday. Fluke have been the big story with large numbers of fish around. Plenty of shorts mixed in but they too are providing plenty of action. Six year old AJ, eight year old Matt and eleven year old Jackie Sumell, along with their mom, Marie, fished the Connetquot River near Snapper Inn and wound up with 150 snappers. The baby blues are now thick at all the local docks. Al Colban told of a mixture of school tuna, false albacore and bonito from the Whistle Buoy on out. A lot of white marlin in 80-110' of water but they've been tough to catch. One private boat chummed 3 yellowfin tuna along with a load of big blues in 90' of water on the weekend. Some blowfish are being taken near buoy 5 and Ocean Beach while some big weakfish up to 14 pounds are now being livelined on snappers near the Lighthouse. Some very good action with 3-5 pound weaks off of Ocean Bay Park and Buoy 30-Sayville on nightcrawlers fished with a small fixed hook diamond jig.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** spoke of very good fluking from the Bridge to the Inlet with the flood tide providing some pretty wild action. Private boat catches this week ranged anywhere from 15-45 keepers per boat with an untold number of shorts being returned as well. Sandeel or killie and squid combos being used by most anglers. Small blues are on Farm Shoals for trollers and chummers and porgies in the ½ to 1½ pound range along with a few sea bass are at buoy 13-Ocean Beach and West Island. Use sandworms and clam belly chum for the porgies. Porgies along with a few fluke are being taken from the dock at Bay Shore Marina and snappers are now excellent throughout the area. Best crabbing has been reserved for boatmen working around the abutments of the Captree Bridge after dark. Offshore, there are lots of big blues trolled SE of the Inlet in 80 feet of water on umbrella rigs. Yellowfin tuna were in 90' of water during most of the week. These 15-35 pound class fish were being taken on Egg Eyes. The crew aboard Ed Finn's Cross Bones put away 3 yellowfin and 3 bigeye tuna to 101 pounds on the weekend. They fished in the vicinity of the Texas Tower.

Capt. Richie Abrams of the **Captree** charter boat **Capt. Whittaker** spoke of very good fluking noting the tremendous number of fish in the bay and inlet. Most of the fishing is being done from the Lighthouse to the Inlet and both AM and PM trips saw lots and lots of fluke taken through the week. Last of the flood is prime tide but fish are being taken on any moving water.

Capt. Richie Leitch of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Leitch IV** said that everybody's happy but the mates who have been getting a real workout. On some days its non stop netting and filleting fish. Richie says this is the best August fluking in recent memory and while many of the fish are shorts no one seems to mind the added action. Fares still wind up with a good catch of keepers by day's end. The skipper noted that the fish are spread from West Island all the way down through the Inlet.

Capt. Joe DiLiberto of the **Captree** charter boat **Prime Time** said that Saturday's charter for J & K Trucking resulted in 150 keepers up to 5 pounds with all the fishing being done between Kismet and the Lighthouse. Keeper ratio for the day fell into the 1 out of 4 range. On Wednesday, Joe sailed a group of Send A Kid Fishing youngsters and they had a ball pulling lots of fluke from the vicinity of the WR Buoy. Joe reminded that he is now booking for fall flounder and has several choice dates still available. Other boats sailing with youngsters from the Send A Kid Fishing Program this week included the charter boats **Yankee III, Dixie, Karyn Ann** and the **Blue Albatross**. All reported excellent fishing along with a great day for all the kids involved. Open boats involved with the Send A Kid program this week included the **Captree Queen, Miss Captree** and the **Capt. Whittaker**.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** reported excellent night bluefish action on the Patchogue Grounds with catches ranging anywhere from 800 to 1500 blues a trip. All the action has been with bait on the bottom. Daytime fishing has been a little tricky with the best action often coming late in the afternoon. The skipper noted that there are huge concentrations of sandeels on the Patchogue Grounds and expects that the fish should hold

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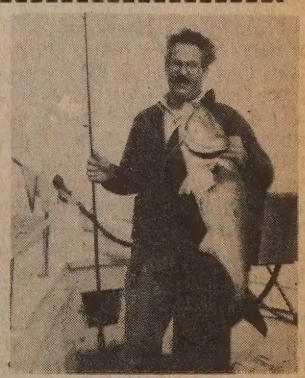

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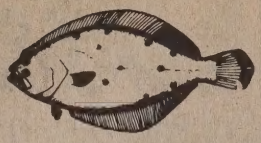

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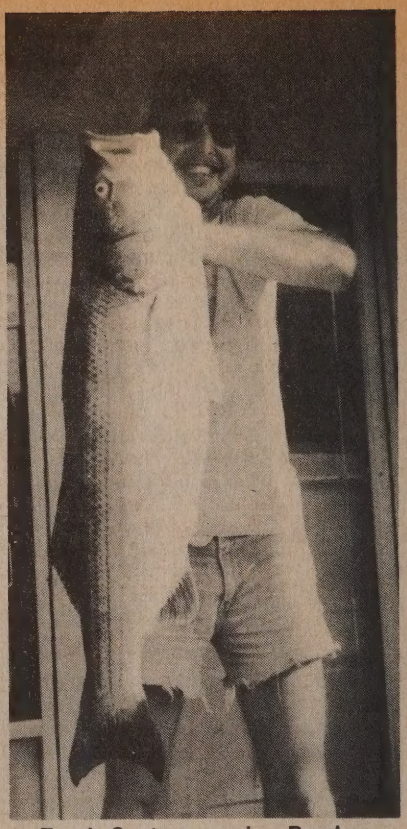

Frank Santora used a Bomber swimming plug to take this 37.14 lb. striper from the Moriches Inlet surf. The big cow was weighed at J&J Tackle in Patchogue.

here for quite a while and that plenty of great fishing still lies ahead.

Aboard the **Captree Queen II**, Capt. Gordon Roman told of 7 hot nights with bluefish action this week. Fish range between 8 and 16 pounds with occasional shots of smaller fish from 3 to 8 pounds mixed in. Gordon has been working the Patchogue Grounds on a steady basis and said that Friday and Saturday's night trips saw up to 1000 blues taken each trip. Fluke fishing remains pretty much the same with very little room for improvement except for the size of the fish. Still, fares wind up with enough keepers to keep them happy and the pace of the action, thanks to the shorts, is tough to beat. Largest fluke for the week was a 5¾ pounder taken by Bonny Russo of Massapequa. Gordon has been working near the lighthouse and at the Inlet.

Capt. Fritz Murray of the **Babylon** charter boat **Ida Jean** reported that the winner of the Wooden Kegs Second Annual Shark Tourney held this weekend was the **Cindy Ann** with a 175 pound dusky. Of his own fishing, Fritz told of doing well with blues up to 10 pounds at the Patchogue Grounds on Friday. On Sunday he again managed a good catch of blues. This time he found 5-6 pound class fish south of the sewer outflow. He trolled umbrella rigs both days.

Capt. Fred Austin of **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** said that fluking remains hot from the Lighthouse to the Inlet with many shorts being taken but some nice fish mixing in, particularly near the Inlet. A lot of 4-5 pound weakfish were taken in recent days off of Ocean Beach on drifted sandworms. Everyone should take note that the Babylon Tuna Club Snapper Derby scheduled for this Saturday at the Village Dock has been cancelled due to the construction work still underway. Offshore, Fred spoke of some lively action with bigeye and yellowfin tuna near the tower on Saturday and Sunday. The **Lucky Wolf** returned with 3 yellowfins, including a 140 pounder. On Sunday, Six D's owned by Ronnie DiMartino dropped a blue marlin after a 2½ hour battle. BCA charter boats **Cindy Ann** and **Chums** returned with yellowfin tuna up to 40 pounds taken in 120' of water south of Patchogue.

The open boat **Miss Babylon** has been doing a very good job on fluke and has been taking some night bluefish charters as well. A group of New York City Transit Police fished aboard the boat on Sunday night and enjoyed some good action on the Patchogue Grounds.

Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait**

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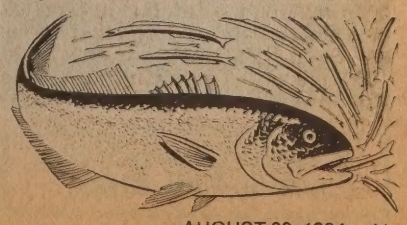
and Tackle looked over a load of 6-10 pound blues taken south of the Jones Beach Tower in 40-50 feet of water by Sal and Ed Lecce on Sunday. Also on Sunday, Mike knew of a catch of 4 yellowfins up to 40 pounds trolled SE of the NA Buoy. Fluke are thick as fleas from the bridge to the inlet on incoming water. One boat working near the Bell Buoy on Saturday had 60 fish of which 22 were keepers. They fished just a few hours of the tide. Thirteen year old Linda Esposito and her dad Rich landed one of the bigger fluke to come out of the area in recent weeks. Unfortunately the only evidence that remained of the fish was its 32" frame. The fish had been dutifully filleted for the family larder. Linda bested the fish which likely approached the 10 pound mark on just 8 lb. test. Snappers are all over the place noted Mike and Copiague Dock still has some fluke including a few keepers for those using live killies.

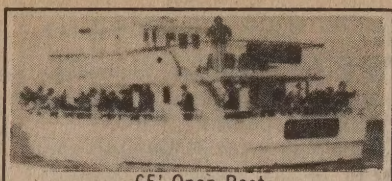
Capt. Len of the **Lindenhurst** charter boat Fishfinder called to report a fair catch of 5-8 pound blues trolled on umbrella rigs for the Paul Turano party on Friday. On Saturday, Mario and Brian Fabbri loaded up on fluke at the Inlet. They finished with over 3 dozen keepers and returned a tremendous number of shorts as well.

Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** hinted at some good weakfish action along South Beach with some good blues up to 6 pound mixed in. Using red Jellyworms on 1-1½ ounce heads, Ralph put away 6 weaks on Wednesday and 4 on Thursday. All were in the 8-9 pound range. A friend of Ralph's by the name of Glenn returned to the scene of the action on Saturday and put away 4 including a tiderunner of 13 pounds. Live snappers are taking these fish as well. Small weaks ranging from 3-5 pounds were in good supply off of Ocean Beach this week on sandworms and nightcrawlers. Small blues were mixed in with them. One of the better shark catches of an otherwise dismal season was made on Wednesday aboard Pete Weber's **Misty II**. His crew put away more than 20 sharks including browns, a few big duskies, a hammerhead and a pair of makos weighing 180 and 60 pounds. The makos were both taken by Jim Napolitano. All were released but the makos. Fishing was done near the NA Buoy but boats returning to the area later in the week were disappointed by a lack of sharks. Blue sharks were conspicuous by their absence as they have been through most of the season. Ralph noted that snapper fishing is in top form at Tanner Park but lamented that crabbers working the shorelines have been having a tough go of it.

Over at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**, Bob Vitale reported that George Petrakis, on a charter aboard the **Babylon** boat **Tilichi** accounted for 17 weaks up to 6 pounds along with a load of sea bass and porgies at Ocean Beach. During the week, Lou Clementz aboard his Nightmare corraled 15 weakfish up to 9 pounds during a pair of sessions along South Beach. Fluking still providing the bulk of the action for most anglers with the best of it between the Lighthouse and the Inlet. Snappers are very good along the local docks with some good action from their larger brethren being found in 40 feet of water on out to the Patchogue Grounds. Bob noted too that there was some good tuna action over the weekend in the vicinity of the Texas Tower.

From **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank reported that killie and white pork rind combos were doing a big job on fluke in Fire Island Inlet over the weekend. Ratio of shorts to keepers over here ranged as high as 5:1 but boatmen were still able to cull enough keepers for a good catch. Three to six pound weaks are being taken on worms and squid strips south of Heckscher and north of Ocean Beach. Small football tuna were trolled atop the wreck of the Virginia on the weekend. A reminder for hunters that doe permit applications must be returned by September 1st. Also Edelman's issues hunting licenses 7 days a week.





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West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

As we hit the middle of August, the bluefishing appears to be getting down to some good steady solid fishing most days and the offshore picture is coming more awake every day. Bay fluking continues to be pick on keepers and the big bust so far has been the non-appearance of the blue claw crabs.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

From the open boat **Chinco III** out of Seaford, the skipper told of fair fluking this past week. The full days trips saw averages of 8 keeper fluke per man with high hooks in the teens most days. High hook of the week was Hank Sommers with 14 keepers. All fishing has been local in the Massapequa and Wantagh area plus state channel with killies working best.

A call from in from **Pop's Fishing Station** with word of decent keeper fluke catches with lots of throwbacks. Rentals skiffs averaged 8 keepers per boat with high boat for the week taking 21 keepers. Killies and squid worked best on the east and west sides of the Wantagh bridges. Some weaks and bass at the 2nd Wantagh on live killies and sand worms. This was day fishing. Best action was on incoming and the beginning of the ebb. A few bccs but these are large mommas, 6 to 7 inches across the body.

At **Wanser's Tackle** , the boss spoke of loads of fluke and almost as many midgets on killies, squid and sand eels at Haunts and Goose Creeks, 3rd Wantagh and the black banks.weaks to 11 lbs. at the 3rd Wantagh at high water on sand worms fished 3 feet off the bottom. Keeper stripers being taken in the State channel and at the bridges on bellies. Loads of snappers in the water.

From **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore we learned of Saturday's exploit by 9 year old Peter Banculli who hooked and landed his first fish ever, a 30 lb. albacore on his dad's boat Bandit fishing north of the tower. Mixed size blues being trolled on umbrellas from 1 to 2 miles out of Jones and also falling for diamond jigs for those so inclined.

According to Jimmy Belukas at **Nick's Fishing Station** in Merrick it was good tuna fishing Saturday. Three boats from the Nick's Point tuna club ran 47 miles due south out

of Jones. On the Mako II, Harry Weinblat and crew scored with 10 bfts 25 to 60 lbs. on green machines. On the Oceanic Ralph Drews and crew boated 6 b ft from 25 to 68 lbs. on green machines. On Bingo, Ed Bing had 2 bfts from 25 to 60 lbs., dropping several others. There have been loads of fluke with plenty of short fish at Fundy, Merrick Point, Rowboat Alley and Broad Creek. Lots of snappers in the bay.

Out of Freeport, a call from the open boat **Capt. Andy** told of the super catch of an 8½ lb. doormat fluke for 8 year old Scott Jaworski of Garden City. The fish was caught Friday afternoon in Long Creek on a killie squid combo.

Lou's Fishing Station weighed in some nice fluke this past week with examples being a 4 lb. 12 oz. fluke, and a 5 lb. 3 oz. fluke plus 28 other keepers for one customer fishing Saturday and Sunday in Swift Creek. Inshore wrecks are producing substantial catches of good sized sea bass and some big triggerfish. BLues were caught locally Sunday in 60 feet of water. Saturday was what Lou Stalker called a banner day for ytft and bft with a blue marlin and a few white marlin and bigeyes. All these fish ran from 60 to 80 lbs and were hitting plastic with varying amounts of green in them and in different combinations. One boat had 4 yft to 77 lbs., losing three more in the tower area.

The **Capt. Al** happily spoke of a great week of bluefishing, probably the best week of bluefish so far this year said the skipper. Fishing 17 fathoms on the night trips, the following scores were made. On Tuesday, 23 fares had 200 mixed blue and tuna. Wednesday's night trip had 28 fares with roughly 200 gorilla blues from 8 to 15 lbs. Thursday was a leap job with roughly 600 humonguous blues while Friday night's trip had roughly 700 choppers for some red hot action. Saturday night off Jones

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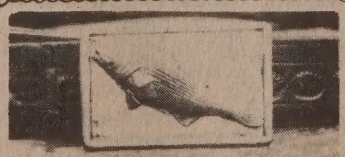
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Tower was an all out bail job with roughly 1,000 blues coming over the rail. Al said the day trips have been nearly as hot. On Sunday the day trip fishing 4 miles SE of Jones tower saw Jim Anderson of Deer Park high hook with 41 fish, Joe Zumo of Farmingdale with 36 blues and Roger Carter of Queens with 24. All these fish ran 3 to 8 lbs.

From the **Starstream II** comes word of good day and night bluefishing Monday through Friday with the weekend's day trips a little slower due to the heavy boat traffic encountered. Sunday's high hook was 22 blues for a sharp angler doing his thing at the rail. Action was just an hour from the dock off Gilgo. Fish ran 2 to 6 lbs. with an occasional 10 lber. Most of the day trips this week were good as were the night trips. Pete called Friday and Saturday night's trip very good.

Captain Sy Karlin of the **Blue Fin Fleet** told of the bluefishing continuing to be on the build working local waters 3½ to 4 miles off the local beaches. It's been jigging daytime and bait and chum nights wiht fish going 4 to 15 lbs. Connecticut angler Steve Besse had a 15 lber. High hook of the week was Ed Goodwin of Hanover Bank with 20. Sid Cutler had 17 and Norm Galloway was happy with 15 choppers. Tony Dena of Pathmark had a solid catch. Friday and Saturday night's trip were very good on blues at Cholera and 17 Fathoms. The skipper said he has some September night bluefish dates still available and also some September weekdays.

Aboard the charter boat **capt. Ben** Thursday's trip saw a 350 lb. mako taken on a mackerel 40 miles SSE of Jones Inlet. The following day a charter fishing a green machine 42 miles SE of Jones accounted for 15 yft 40 to 60 lbs. and 6 15 to 20 lb. skippies.

A message left on our answering machine this weekend left a brief message telling of excellent bluefishing the last four out of 7 night trips aboard the **Miss Freeport II**. The skipper also told of good fluking through Saturday fishing Jones Inlet and Reynolds with a fair number of keepers and many midgets. Sunday's fluking was off.

Aboard the charter boat **Captain Gary**, Wednesday night's trip for Sandy Black and friends saw good bluefishing at Cholera with Sandy taking the pool with an 11 lb. blue and Dave Worman high hook with ten. Thursday morning the 52nd Precint of the NYPD enjoyed good bluefishing SW of Jones. A 9 lber. won Ron Hickman the pool. Ron was also high hook with 10 blues. Friday's trip for Sam Cominsky and pals had a fair day's fluking locally. Saturday's trip for CBS had good results SE of the inlet. Tom Martin bagged a 7 lber. and 12 fish won Tom Kelly high hook honors. Saturday night's trip for the Harris Rosenberg party saw fantastic bluefishing with over 300 blues bouncing on sthe deck. Action was

Members of the Double T Fishing Club show fluke to 3 lbs. taken during a trip aboard the Point Lookout charter boat, "Marie III."

SE of Jones tower. Harris was high hook with 28 choppers while Dennis Sheahan took the pool with a 13 lber. Sunday's trip for Marke Painting Co. saw fair fluking. Vincent Lopez took the pool with a 4½ lber. w hile Debby was high hook with 9 keepers.

Aboard the charter boat **Lady J III** this week Monday's trip for Joe Cavalieri and group from the NY Fire department had good bluefishing off the Jersey coast on jigs, while Wednesdays trip for A. Best and Co., Woodside jigged blues in 90 feet of water south of the inlet. Friday's trip for the Joe Stasiak group from NY had blues southof Gilgo while Friday night the Dave Cohen group using bait and chum bailed choppers to 15 lb. at 17 fathoms. On Saturday Forest Park Club of Wood Haven picked blues south of Gilgo again as did the George Brible group from Poughkeepsie on Sunday. All fish ran 3 to 12 lbs.

From the **Freeport Boatmens Association** came word of the **Super Spray IIs** decent fluking on their two trip a day schedule. Night bluefishing has been very good for SS II and IV, the association's charter boats. Action has been close, about 6 to 7 miles to the east at the pipeline and also to the west. Seventeen fathoms has been hot at night. One of the boats had a 57 lb. mako at Cholera. On the weekend, the canyon yielded catches of yft and bft on plastic. Bluefish have started to respond to bait and chum on day trips also for some of the boat.s.

Moving over to Pt. Lookout a call from the charter boat **Marie III** told of Monday's trip for the Hempstead Recreation Center, a kiddie trip half day of fluking behind Oceanside and Island park with roughly 300 total fish hooked and a 15 percent keeper ratio on the ebb using spearing and squid. Wednesday's charter from mid-afternoon to dark saw excellent bluefishing fish to 12 to 20 lbs. on bait and chum in 80 feet of water SW of Jones. Friday's night trip for blues visited 17 Fathoms and enjoyed slaughter fishing. In just 2 hours, 15 fares had over 400 blues from 2 to 15 lbs. Saturday's day trip picked away at blues, weaks and sea bass off Seabright, all on jigs. Seven year old Hector Sanchez, a

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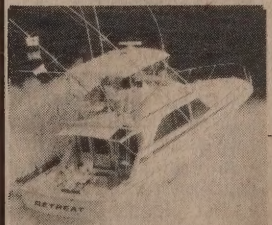

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first-timer, had 3 blues himself, while 10 year old Mike McPeck had 4 blues on his first time out. Frank Danek nabbed the pool with a 15 lber. Saturday's night trip to the pipeline saw 4 to 12 lbers. caught to the tune of 15 to 20 per man. Sunday's action was the pipeline again with a very good catch on jigs with fish averaging 3 to 5 lbs. with a 10 lber. taking the pool.

Aboard the **Capt. Bill**, Wednesday saw Jack Schultheis of Massachusetts with a 6 lb. fluke and Tom Ferran, Ridgewood with a 4 lb. 2 oz. fluke. On Thurday, Spencer THomas of Freeport nailed 5 keepers while regular John of Mineola had 2 fluke weighing 4 and 4½ lbs. Weekend pools ran in the 3 to 4 lb. range, though total action slowed on the weekend. The boat had a night bluefish charter Friday with Dan Artofiades and Bob O'Connell totaling 50 blues between them fishing 17 Fathoms. Fish went 5 to 12 lbs. on bait in just 2 hours.

Aboard the **Miss Point Lookout** fluking was a little sluggish this week with fares averaging 2 to 7 keepers a man. Saturday's high hook was 8 keepers. Bluefishing was ideal this week with small crowds and large catches. The night trips on Thursday through Sunday saw very good catches. Thursday saw 11 fares with 200 fish, Friday saw 20 customers with roughly 400 blues,saturday saw 30 fares with again roughly 400 fish and on Sunday 17 men had over 400 blues. Hillel and Jacob Kaminski of Far Rockaway took the pool with a 16 lber. Harvey and Ken Holmes had 40, Reno Karlic of Astoria had 30, while Bronx angler Joe O'Toole smiled with his 35 fish and Kathy LaRose had 15 blues up to 15 lbs.

The Word from **Ed's Fishing Station** was of Jeff Carlo and his 6½ lb. fluke taken at Loop Bridge Wednesday on live killies. He and Jim Rivierico, Al and Scott Kelly totaled 28 keeper fluke including a 3¾ lber. Dennis Delay and George Tripptree gathered forces to capture a 33 lb. bass at the Loop bridge on a bunker chunk Thursday in late PM. Natatie and Stu Lyons boated a 7½ lb. fluke at buoy 5 in Jones Inlet along with 24 other keepers. Catches were just fair on the weekend with lots of throwback fluke. The keepers, however, has been larger and there are still a few flounder being caught at Meadowbrook Bridge and Swift Creek. Lots of snappers in the bay and some smallish blacks at the bridges on fiddlers.

A call from Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** told of a 9½ lb fluke, 28 inches long caught by Mr. Sorokin and Mr. Zilenski on live killies and 8 lb. test at the junction of Sloop and Reynolds Channels Thursday. Good fluking has also been had around the top of the tide in Middle Bay and Reynolds west of the bridge at buoy 17. From the inlet to the Big M fluking has been quite acceptable along with Swift Creek, but don't forget to return the midgets. Drifting live snappers in the inlet has been producing bigger fluke.

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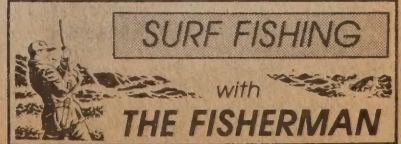

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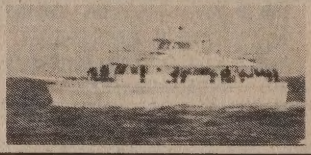

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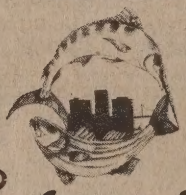

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Charlie at **Beckman's Tackle** in Lynbrook had reports of loads of blues south and west of both Jones and Debs Inlets on trolled umbrellas, blue Ape rigs and also on diamonds, fish 8 to 10 lbs. Loads of fluke all over with some keepers mixed in. Snappers increasing in numbers and size. Weaks at the Tin Can at dusk on Nordic eels, bait tails and Dandy tails.

Adam at **Long Beach Sports Marina** told of tons of fluke in Reynolds Channel, but also tons of shorties, but enough keepers to keep it interesting. Buoy 3 seemed to be the hotspot. Lots of snapper action off the docks and plenty of blues being trolled and jigged offshore.

From Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** in Atlantic Beach comes word that the best fluking this past week has been off Riis Park. Bluefishing was very good Sunday from the Marine Parkway bridge to Playland to a distance two miles offshore. Eight to 12 lb. class stripers are being taken on bunker in Reynold Channel around the AB Bridge. Blacks in the 1 lb. class being taken on fiddlers and clam at the ABB while snappers are all over the place with hordes right in front of the station.

NEW YORK BIGHT

The word from **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** in E. Rockaway is of plenty of snappers in the back bays. The bccs are large but the quantities are lacking. Skippy also says that the best fluking this week has been outside along the Rockaway beaches. Blues are being caught under the bunker schools in Reynolds on live whole or chunked bunker.

On Jamaica Bay Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** said that off both the North and South channel bridges lots of hand-sized porgies are being caught on bloods and sands. The fluke ratio has improved a lot on killies, squid, spearing and sand eels. Cocktail blues in the bay hitting fluke baits and small tins, while snappers are in droves. Artie said big blues are crashing the bridges at night and being taken on bunker chunks.

Over in Sheepshead Bay, Captain Al Coley of the **Betty W. III** said that Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday could have been better in his estimation but that Mon, Tues, and Wed. nights were super. From Thursday on said Al, the day and night trips have been magnificent right through Sunday. THe boat has been working 17 fathoms at night and from the Highlands to Klondike days, fish running 2 to 14 lbs. He is now also seeing lots of bonito mixed in with the catch with 35 caught Sunday.

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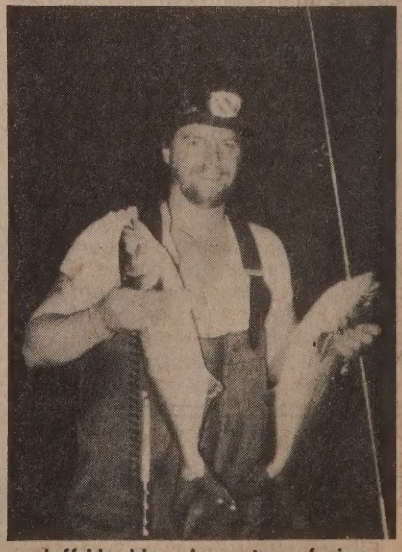
breaker skippered by Capt. Mike Brumm saw very good bluefishing all week. Mike said he has been chumming blues everyday at Ambros Tower, Seabright and 17 Fathoms. Best trip out this week was for the Mike Tenner party which saw Wednesday's catch hitting nearly 600 lbs. of blues in just three hours. Mike also said he believes big sharks have moved in. Sunday's bluefishing was slower due to heavy private boat traffic.

Jimmy at **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** also tells of plenty of blues for the Sheepshead Bay fleet with night catches definitely better and more consistent. Five to 7 lb. choppers have been making people very happy at 17 fathoms at night. A lot of keeper fluke off Riis Park and the Breezy Point jetty areas, while there are plenty of snappers, porgies and small butters in the Bay. A few bass being taken at night at the Tin Can Grounds and Ambrose on worms. Weakfishing has been spotty but a few are being taken along with blues.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

Large bluefish livened up the scene to the west while anglers to the east continued to work over a combination of fluke, porgies, and blues. Except for a couple of days of northerly breezes, the Sound was fishable with small craft for most of the week, making for extensive reports.



Jeff Hopkins shows two of nine blues that he plugged from the Sunken Meadow shore recently. All were taken on Needlefish plugs.

LIF subscriber John Acompora with a 21 lb. striper taken near Mamaroneck in late July.

WESTERN SOUND

Larry at **John's Gun** in **New Rochelle** said that fluke and blues were all over the area. The norm was four or more keepers per boat and some fluke went over 4 pounds. Bluefish were outside Mamaroneck, and off the Bell Buoy.

Jack's Bait on **City Island** reported a few porgies mixed with some flounder and blackfish. Bluefish were dominating catches off Orchard Beach and diamond jigging with AVA 47s was paying big dividends on fish from 5 to 8 pounds. Monring and evening were best. On the City Island open boats, action was centered on a pick of porgies with the better days during the week. Catches of 20-25 per fare were possible then, but numbers tended to be low on the weekends. Dom Cerbone was fishing with the **Apache** up in Smithtown Bay, Lloyds, and Center Island and had a couple of fluke to 4 pounds along with a few small blackfish. Joe Ferrara of the **Sea King** was working up into Huntington as well. Ferrara explained that the bluefish seemed to be pushing the scup around after short bursts of action.

Phil Nasi at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** told us that bluefish action was "great" off Pryble on 5-6 pound fish with poppers the best choice. One 7 pound fluke was reported from Cold Spring Harbor, and Carl Smith was proud of an 82 pound mako taken off Montauk.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Eileen at the **Greenlawn Sport Shop** suggested that the small blues under 5 pounds off Asharoken and from Lilco to Eatons could be fished all day long from boats with poppers and

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Denise Brussell took this huge 13.7 pound tiderunner in Northport Bay. She weighed her trophy weak at Four Winds Bait and Tackle in Huntington.

tins. Good fluking was available in the Triangle for those using strip baits, and George Valentine at the **Four Winds** had a 9.10 flatfish to report from a big catch by Bob Schettino, Tom Ottoranto, and Graham Schnettiker, who specialize in fishing snapper baits. The best news was on bluefish from 8 to 15 pounds off Target Rock, and Marshall Field. Cold Spring Harbor, the Center Island reef, and Huntington Bay also had the blues with the best porgy catches off Marshall Field, Eatons, and the golf course. Several scup to 1¾ pounds were noted by Valentine.

Bob Cedar at **Huntington Prop** mentioned the Obstruction Buoy for a combination of fish early in the morning. A couple of weakfish were noted along with Pete Piffith's 13 pound bluefish.

Billy Collins of the **Ever Ready** had a decent week with an average of 10 to 15 bluefish per fare. Fish ranged from cocktail sizes all the way to 13 pounds or more, and fishing action was up and down all day long with boat traffic making the fish somewhat spooky. Charles Calby won the Friday night pool with a huge 20 pounder and Andy Hunt took Saturday's pool with a 17 pound alligator. Sunday's money was grabbed by Bill Ophoff's 10 pound fluke.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** suggested trolling umbrellas in Northport Harbor and the bay for 5-6 pound bluefish. Small blues in the 2-3 pound class were off 11b and there were some slammers to be found off Lloyds. Bass were very few and far between, but some regulars were using small eels on the bottom off Eatons. Huntington Bay still had plenty of fluke with the biggest of the week taken off the Coast Guard Station, a 7 pounder. The **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson** still had some big porgies to report with Oldfield the spot to find humpbacks on the tide. The best fluke were in some 18 feet of water off Flacks while those off the Pink House were smaller. Some large bluefish had been trolled near the bottom off Cranes Neck.

Dick Brown at **Dick's Sporting Goods** said that the fluke in the areas from Port Jeff to Shoreham were seldom under 16-18 inches with a lot of 5-8 pounders in recent catches. The hottest new lure to use with a tip is the Alou rubber killie, but the best catch of the week, 14 fish from 5½ to 8 pounds was taken on rigged whole squid. Snappers are available everywhere.

NORTH FORK

Ed Kopack at **Warren's** reported some good catches of porgies last week off the Beachcomber with a few fish over 2 pounds in one particular haul. However, Charlie Caraftis at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** felt that the numbers of scup were down, even

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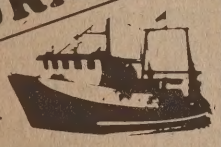

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Young Robert Oliva with a brace of 7 lb. doormats taken aboard his family's boat at Sand City. Photo courtesy of Huntington Prop and Tackle.

when you did find the larger fish in deep water out to 50 feet. There were plenty of hand-sized scup in closer and the best areas were anywhere from Bailey's Beach on east. Some summer weakfish were also noted along with seabass and blackfish. The **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** saw a number of good catches of medium porgies in 25 feet of water off Buoy 5 and the Northville Pipe. This seemed surprising in the light of local bluefish activity there, but the scup seemed to take little notice of small blues.

Phil Loria at **Captain Marty's** had a weekend which was "not bad", with mixed sizes of porgies west of Robin's Island and off the obstruction buoy as well as around Buoy 30. Buckets of scup were topped off by some blowfish and kingfish from Roses Grove, and one of the most pleasant surprises is the presence of fluke to 3 pounds in the North Race area around the sandbar. Weakfishing had slowed with 2-6 summer fish the norm off Roses in the morning. High Hook squid was preferred, but snappers were tough on squid baits.

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** noted that porgies were present in good numbers from Buoy 16 back west to 18 with Jessups at the center of some of the best fishing. Larger porgies were available around South Ferry, and there were still cocktail blues in the Jessups area.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** said that the porgy fleet was doing rather well east of Gardiner's with some jumbo scup mixed with the catches. Both the **Brand X** and the **Peconic Star** seemed happy with recent results.

Clark Bellows reported that the **Prime Time II** had some of the finest fishing of the year on Friday south of Gull in 40-60 feet of water with only 15 percent of the fluke taken in the throwback class. Most keepers ranged to 3 pounds with the pool winner weighed at 4¼. John Rainis of the **Blue Albatross** felt that the heavy pressure on fluke tended to clean out the fish from specific areas every three days or so, but last week was still a good one for the fluke specialist. Rainis will be prospecting around Gardiner's for some large fish, but he's anxious to start blackfishing after Labor Day.

Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** reported blues everywhere in the Race and the Gut with fish "of all sizes" and "all you want." Jensen sticks with 8 ounce diamond jigs, bare and undorned, and Rod DeLisle of the **Prowler** even advises against using teasers in order to avoid vicious doubleheaders of twin 8 pounders. DeLisle told us that his blues range 5-8, and that there haven't been any bass for a week. The best fish for Jim Flanerty's party on Saturday went close to 9 pounds.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

If there exists such a thing as the "summer doldrums", then surely that is what surfmen are currently suffering from. With the exception of some short stripers and small blues, there wasn't much happening on Long Island's beaches this week. Also, angler effort is at a low point which adds to the lack of reports.

Anyway, with September fast approaching the scant reports are a whole lot easier to take. Here's what this weeks grapevine revealed.

West End Jones' Beach, particularly at the jetty, is one of the few places providing steady action with small blues. According to Scott Greenberg of **Merrick Tackle**, there have been lots of blues evenings and mornings taken by casters throwing tin. J-8's and jigs similar to the 007 and A17 seems to be favored by most anglers.

The Democrat Pt. and Robert Moses surf has been getting a reasonable amount of attention despite the calendar, but just a few short bass and a couple of small blues seem willing to cooperate. According to Dave Canale of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, who spent Friday night drowning worms to no avail, there was beach talk of a pair of 30 pound class stripers taken on bait earlier in the week. He knew for sure that several 18-20" shorts were taken on tin along the open beach early Saturday AM.

Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** had it from a Sore Thumb regular that 7-8 pound class weaks were being taken during the week in the early morning. It's a good bet that at least some of these fish fell for live snappers.

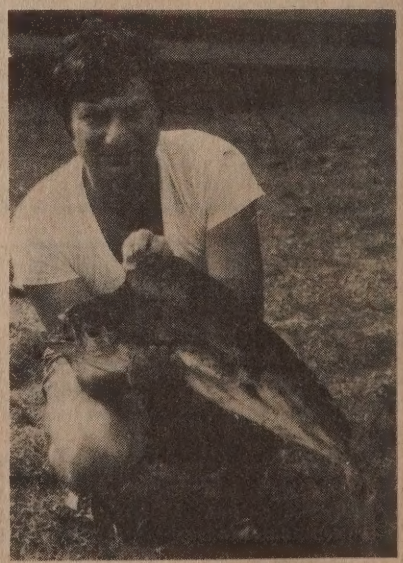
Each week seems to hold at least one surprise and Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** passed along this weeks. He told of Dick Bianca and his son Dick Jr., who used Kastmasters to squid 4 weaks up to 10½ pounds from the Moriches surf (west side) on Sunday. Paul followed up this report with the second tale of a stranded tuna report within a week's time. Seems a 50 pound yellowfin became overly zealous while feeding on small blues in front of Fire Island Pines on Friday. The fish found itself trapped in a shallow trough where a local resident tailed the still struggling fish. Just a few days earlier, a 95 tuna met same fate near Robert Moses Parking Field 2.

Dr. Phil Ragone had been working the west side of Shinnecock Inlet with little to show for his efforts until Sunday evening. The Lenox Hill resident shared with other casters in a good flurry of action with 2-3 pound blues. He reported that casters using Hopkin's seemed to have an edge.

Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle** in **Montauk** spoke of a slow week with just a sprinkling of short bass and a couple of weaks under the light. The south sides sand beaches were quiet this week.

On the North Shore, George Valentine of **Four Winds Tackle** in **Huntington** said that not many guys have been on the beach lately. He did know of a few slammer blues scattered along area beaches on bunker chunks.

To the east, Stan Hentschel of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** spoke of the beach action in terms of "pretty dead." The only recent action has been with a few blues during evenings or early mornings but even this has been very inconsistent.



Michael DeLuca found the grass is not always greener during a recent trip to Nags Head. He even had to resort to buying the dolphin he's pictured with. Said Michael upon his return—Long Island Sound fishing never looked so good.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	5:30	5:50	6:00	6:35	6:00	6:25	7:05	7:15	8:45	9:00	8:50	9:05	5:25	5:50	8/23
FRI.	6:30	6:45	7:00	7:30	7:05	7:25	7:55	8:10	9:45	9:55	9:45	10:05	6:20	6:45	8/24
SAT.	7:20	7:35	8:00	8:25	7:55	8:10	8:45	9:00	10:45	10:55	10:35	10:55	7:10	7:35	8/25
SUN.	8:10	8:25	8:50	9:15	8:45	9:00	9:30	9:50	11:35	11:50	11:25	11:45	8:00	8:25	8/26
MON.	9:00	9:15	9:40	10:05	9:35	9:50	10:20	10:45	—	12:20	—	12:15	8:45	9:10	8/27
TUES.	9:45	10:00	10:30	10:50	10:20	10:40	11:10	11:35	12:40	1:10	12:35	1:05	9:35	10:00	8/28
WED.	10:35	10:55	11:20	11:45	11:15	11:35	—	12:00	1:30	2:00	1:30	1:55	10:25	10:50	8/29
THURS.	11:30	11:45	12:10	12:35	12:10	12:30	12:30	12:55	2:25	2:50	2:20	2:45	11:15	11:40	8/30

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 8/23	6:16	7:48
FRI. 8/24	6:17	7:47
SAT. 8/25	6:18	7:45
SUN. 8/26	6:19	7:44
MON. 8/27	6:20	7:42
TUE. 8/28	6:21	7:40
WED. 8/29	6:22	7:39

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 8/23	2:02AM	5:56PM
FRI. 8/24	3:09AM	6:45PM
SAT. 8/25	4:24AM	7:27PM
SUN. 8/26	5:43AM	8:02PM
MON. 8/27	7:02AM	8:33PM
TUE. 8/28	8:20AM	9:01PM
WED. 8/29	8:37AM	9:29PM

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NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
8/26	9/2	9/10	9/18

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	2:25	**8:35**	2:45	**9:05**
Fri.	3:20	**9:30**	3:40	**10:00**
Sat.	4:15	**10:25**	4:35	**10:55**
Sun.	5:05	**11:20**	5:30	**11:50**
Mon.	6:05	—	6:25	**12:25**
Tues.	7:00	**12:50**	7:35	**1:20**
Wed.	7:55	**1:50**	8:30	**2:15**
Thurs.	9:00	**2:45**	9:25	**3:10**

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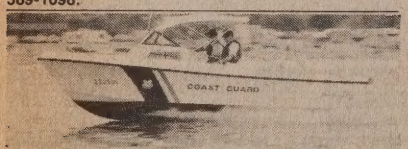

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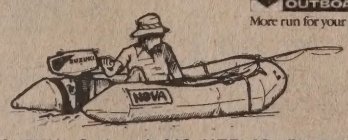

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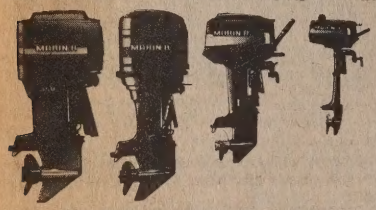

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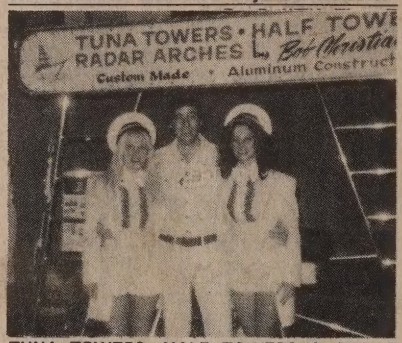

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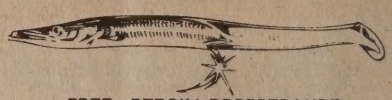

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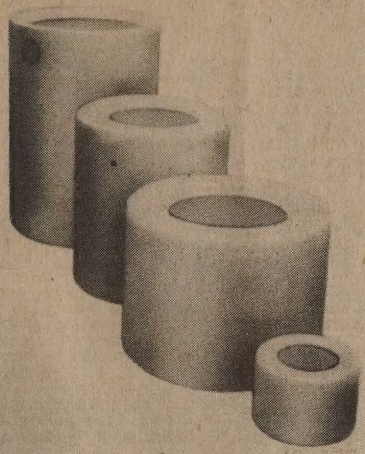

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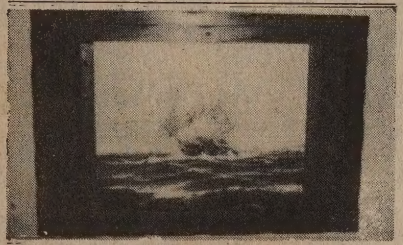

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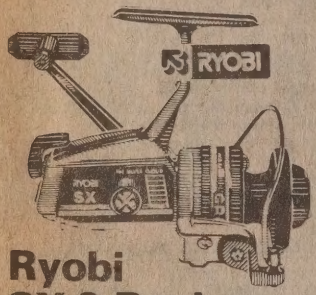

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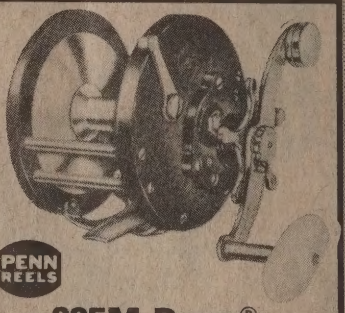

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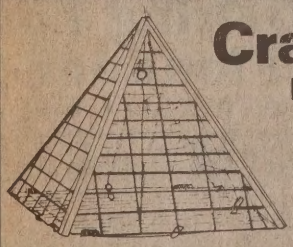

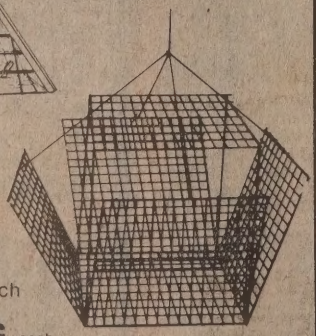

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